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September 18, 1931.

Secretary f the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Refering to our letter of November 26, 1926, listing the positons the appointees of which are to be included in the 65-year class, I beg to request that reconsideration be given tothe classification of the position of Foreman of the Automtic Scales. The principal duties of the person filling this position are those of supervising the work of fifteen operators and helpers employed on automatic weighing machines. His duties also include instructing operators in caring for adjusting and keeping in perfect balance these very delicate instruments.

It is herefore suggested that this position, being principally a supervisory one, should properly be classed with those lose employees are in the 70-year retirement class.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Neal

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 17, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose, for transmission to the Chinese Legation, receipt obtained by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia from the Railway Express Agency, covering shipment of Chinese coinage dies to the National Government Central Mint, Shanghai, China.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 19, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of May 18th, I am enclosing the list of papers and records of the Mint Service which have no permanent value or historical interest, and which are not used in the transaction of current business.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 25, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that an additional leave of absence of 60 days without pay be granted William Edward Haring, employed as a skilled workman in the United States Mint at San Francisco.

This man was granted 60 days' leave of absence without pay from July 16th, after having exhausted his annual and sick leave. His application for retirement, on account of total disability, was filed as of August 12th, and this additional leave of absence of 60 days is recommended for the purpose of carrying him on the rolls until a decision as to his retirement is reached by the Pension Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that an additional leave of absence of 60 days without pay be granted Warren H. Taylor, employed as a weigher in the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington.

This man was granted 60 days' leave of absence without pay from August 1st, after having exhausted his annual and sick leave. His application for retirement, on account of total disability, was filed as of July 21st, and this additional leave of absence of 60 days is recommended for the purpose of carrying him on the rolls until a decision as to his retirement is reached by the Pension Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request your approval of the extension of leave of absence for a period of six days, on account of sickness, of Mr. Roy T. Algate, a member of the staff of this Bureau.

Mr. Algate has had thirty days' annual leave and ten days' leave of absence on account of sickness, up to the close of business August 3rd, and has no accrued sick leave. Mr. Algate is a veteran, and his absence is due to no delinquency on his part.

Respectfully,

M. O. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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The Honorable,

The Comptroller General of the United States.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 4, 1931 (A-18228), you are advised that the Assayer-in-Charge of the Mint at New Orleans has been instructed to discontinue the accounting practices referred to in your letter, and to follow only the authorized procedure in the future.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mrs. M. May Jernegan,
R. F. D. 2,
Johnston, S.C.

Dear Mrs. Jernegan:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you as the widow of the late Mr. Warren G. Jernegan and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country for the services rendered by your husband.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mrs. Lucy Weatherwalks,
44 Lenox Avenue,
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Weatherwalks:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you as the widow of the late Mr. Edward Weatherwalks and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country for the services rendered by your husband.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mrs. Mabel H. Lazear,
6 Oak Vale Avenue,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Lazear:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you as the widow of the late Mr. Jesse W. Lazear and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country for the services rendered by your husband.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mrs. Emily Lawrence Reed,

Blue Ridge Summit, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Reed:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country for the services rendered by your distinguished husband.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 26, 1931.

Mr. A. W. Covington,
P. O. Box 86,
Pedro Miguel,
Panama Canal Zone.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mr. John R. Kissinger,
R. F. D. 9,
Huntington, Indiana.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mr. James L. Hanberry,
R. F. D.,
Denmark, S.C.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mr. Paul Hamann,
General Delivery,
East Moline, Ills.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 26, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mr. John R. Ballard,
P. O. Drawer 540,
Albany, Georgia.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 26, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1951.

Mr. John J. Moran,
Care of Cia. Sunoco de Cuba, S.A.,
Avenida Menocal No. 102-a,
Havana, Cuba.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mr. William Olsen,
306 E. 80th Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mr. Charles G. Sonntag,
R. F. D. 3,
Gaston, S. C.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mr. Clyde L. West,

Berwyn, Md.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Doctor R. P. Cooke,
Box 700,
Lexington, Va.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mrs. Jennie Carroll,
Box 1567,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Carroll:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you as the widow of the late Mr. James Carroll and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country for the services rendered by your husband.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mr. Levi E. Folk,
374 S. Third Street,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

The act of Congress of February 26, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mr. John H. Andrus,
925 Penn Street,
Camden, New Jersey.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 26, 1951.

Mr. James Hildebrand,
412 Dorsan Avenue, S.E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 20, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 25, 1931.

Mr. Thomas M. England,
Room 1062, Munitions Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 30, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that an additional leave of absence of 60 days without pay be granted Edward F. Gartland, employed as a watchman in the United States Mint at San Francisco.

This man was granted 60 days' leave of absence without pay from July 9th, after having exhausted his annual and sick leave. His application for retirement, on account of total disability, is to be filed as soon as he is in a condition to sign it. This additional leave of absence of 60 days without pay is recommended for the purpose of carrying him on the rolls until his application can be filed and acted upon by the Pension Office.

Respectfully,

M. M. Oxley

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1931.

Mr. James M. Dean,
1046 Butterworth St.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sir:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you as the father of the late Mr. William H. Dean and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of your country for the services rendered by your son.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 1, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended September 30, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 30, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of September 28th, relative to the desire of the National Park Service of your Department to secure a collection of coins and certificates of, or relating to, the Colonial and Revolutionary periods of American History, for the purpose of exhibiting the same during the Sesquicentennial Celebration at Yorktown, October 16th to 19th.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to prepare, for delivery to the National Park Service of your Department, the following medals:

Presidential Medals;

Washington, Adams and Jefferson.

Medals of the Secretaries of the Treasury;

Alexander Hamilton.

Army Medals;

Washington before Boston
Jam. Gen. Gates, for Saratoga
Brig. Gen. Morgan, for Cowpens
Lieut. Col. John E. Howard, for same
Lieut. Col. W.A. Washington, for same
Count De Fluery, for Stony Point
Maj. Gen. Anthony Wayne, for same
Maj. Henry Lee, Paulus Hook
Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Greene, for Eutaw Springs.

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Navy Medals;

John Paul Jones, for Serapis.

Miscellaneous;

Pennsylvania Bicentennial
Valley Forge Centennial
United States Diplomatic, July 4, 1776.

The coins enumerated in your letter are a part of the numismatic collection now in the custody of the National Museum, and this Department does not exercise jurisdiction over them.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 2, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of September 30, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,615,886,905
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	308,270,689
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,674,131
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,590,790,052

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1931.

Mrs. Aristides Agramonte,
21 E. Entre G.& F.,
Vedado,
Habana, Cuba.

Dear Mrs. Agramonte:

The Act of Congress of February 28, 1929, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be struck a gold medal in recognition of the high public service of Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever. The Act further directed that the Secretary of the Treasury present such medal to each of such persons as shall be living and posthumously to representatives of each of such persons as shall have died.

In accordance with the authority granted, I have the honor to present this medal to you as the widow of the late Dr. Aristides Agramonte and transmit it herewith as a token of the grateful appreciation of this country for the services rendered by your husband.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

October 6, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of War,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 1st, relative to a special tie line to the Governors Island switchboard for use in an emergency by the U. S. Assay Office at New York.

A new building is being constructed for the U. S. Assay Office at New York, and it is expected that the structure will be ready for occupancy within a few months. It is therefore deemed inadvisable to undertake, at this time, to establish a tie line. As soon as the Assay Office is located in the new building, this Department will avail itself of your courtesy by placing an order on the New York Telephone Company for a tie line from the Assay Office to the barge office, where it is understood the Army will make connections to its Governors Island submarine cable.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

October 10, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am returning the list contained in your letter of October 10th, covering furniture which the Office of the Chief Coordinator understands to be surplus to the needs of the United States Assay Office at Seattle.

All of this property is surplus to the Assay Office; however, I would suggest that the disposal of the two safes on the list be taken up with the Supervising Architect.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 14, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,615,886,939
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	308,630,539
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,674,080
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,591,149,885

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Mr. Lee H. McCloy received a temporary appointment as Assistant Melter in the United States Assay Office at Seattle on April 1, 1931, pending examination. He has been employed in that office continuously since then. No opportunity has arisen for Mr. McCloy to take an examination. Recently the District Secretary of the Civil Service Commission notified the Assayer in Charge that there was an eligible list from which an appointment could be made to fill the place now occupied by Mr. Lee H. McCloy under temporary appointment.

The Assayer in Charge at Seattle is preparing to dismantle the present quarters of the Assay Office and to move to a Federal building now being prepared for his occupancy. This condition, together with the fact that the present is a busy season in Seattle and the limited force allowed this office is crowded to capacity, causes the Assayer in Charge to deem it very essential that he be permitted to continue the employment of Mr. McCloy, under temporary appointment, for a sufficient time to reestablish his office in the new building and to overtake the accumulation of work in handling gold bullion, which will result from the temporary suspension of operations due to the moving of equipment and installation of new equipment. An appointee from the eligible list would at this time be an embarrassment to the Assayer in Charge for the reason that, although he might be able to pass an examination for appointment, he has no experience whatever in doing

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the work of the United States Assay Office.

For this reason I deem it extremely essential that Mr. McCley be permitted to continue under his existing temporary appointment for that part of the current fiscal year during which his services will be of important assistance to the Assayer in Charge of the Seattle office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that an extension of leave of absence without pay of sixty days, beginning October 19th, be granted Thomas P. Halpin, employed as a skilled workman in the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Halpin was injured while in the performance of his duties on January 17, 1931, and is receiving compensation from the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission. It is expected that he will shortly be able to return to duty, and this extension of leave of absence without pay is recommended to carry him on the rolls until that time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 21, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward the page proofs of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1931, including Report on the Production of the Precious Metals during the Calendar Year 1930.

The Report is submitted for approval prior to printing.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 21, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of October 20th, relative to your request, dated August 29th, for the manufacture at the Mint in Philadelphia of 2,300 Yangtze Service medals and 10 yards Yangtze Service ribbon, and stating that you desire that the manufacture under this request be held in abeyance pending further information from your Department.

The Director of the Mint has today been instructed to comply with your request. It may be of interest to you to know that up to this time the Mint has incurred no expense in connection with this order.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 21, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has ready for shipment to Clifford Hewitt, National Government Central Mint, Gordon Road (North End) Chapei, Shanghai, China, six pairs of Chinese five-cent dies and six pairs of Chinese two-cent dies, manufactured in accordance with your letter of June 18, 1931.

The box in which the dies are packed weighs twenty-eight pounds, and is valued at $120, on the basis of twenty-four dies at $5.00 each. The transportation, valuation and insurance charges herein quoted were obtained from the Railway Express Agency, Inc., and the American Express Co.:

Transportation (via Railway Express Agency, Inc.) from Philadelphia to San Francisco..	$ 3.79
Excess valuation charge.....	.10
Transportation (via American Express Co.) from San Francisco to Shanghai.....	9.00
Valuation.....	1.80
Marine Insurance.....	2.70
	$17.39

Inasmuch as these charges must be guaranteed, or paid by the consignor in advance, neither of which the Mint is authorized to do, it is requested that the Chinese Legation be advised that upon receipt by Mr. Freas Styer, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the total amount of charges, viz. $17.39, the Mint will prepay the charges and handle the shipment in the same manner that a previous shipment of dies was handled.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

October 28, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 27th.

This office approves your suggestion that the additional equipment on hand at the Seattle Assay Office be added to the list of property already declared surplus to that institution.

Your courtesy in calling our attention to this list is appreciated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

October 29, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is requested that new bonds, in the sums indicated, be prepared for execution by the following named employees at the Mint in Philadelphia:

Name	Position	Salary	Bond
Gustav A. Reiss, Jr.	Foreman Coin Counters	$7.36	$5,000
~~[illegible]~~	~~[illegible]~~	~~[illegible]~~	~~[illegible]~~
Frank E. MacDonald	Helper	5.60 p.d.	2,000
Harry S. McDougall	Skilled Workman	5.94 p.d.	2,000
Wade W. Schluraff	Helper	5.60 p.d.	2,000
John A. O'Connor	Skilled Workman	5.94 p.d.	2,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

October 29, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is requested that new bonds, in the sums indicated, be prepared for execution by the following named employees at the Mint in Philadelphia:

Name	Position and date of change	Bond
Gustav A. Reiss, Jr.,	Foreman of Coin Counters, 9-4-30	$5,000
Frank E. MacDonald	Helper, 5-21-30	2,000
Harry S. McDougall	Skilled Workman, 10-1-31	2,000
Wade W. Schluraff	Helper, 5-21-30	2,000
John A. O'Conner	Skilled Workman, 4-4-28	2,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

October 29, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Curtis W. Martindale be given a temporary appointment, for a period not to exceed thirty days, to the position of Unskilled Laborer, at $4.50 per diem, in the United States Assay Office at Boise, Idaho.

This temporary appointment is deemed necessary to the proper functioning of the Assay Office at Boise during the absence, because of illness, of one of the very limited force of that institution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

October 30, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 22nd, relative to the casting of a gold medal each year at the Mint in Philadelphia for the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to communicate with the Surgeon General of the Army, in accordance with your request, and to cooperate with that officer in the preparation of the medal desired.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

November 2, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended October 31, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Dr. M. Roth

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

November 2, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

Jno. R. Reed,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

October 31, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 23rd, relative to the preparation by the Mint at Philadelphia of the Yangtze Service Medals upon which you request that work should be suspended.

The following is submitted as to the progress made by the Mint on this order for Yangtze Service Medals covered by Bureau of Supplies and Accounts Order No. 05806:

A galvano of the model has been prepared and mounted on the plate ready for cutting the die.

5,000 blanks have been cut, annealed and milled.

800 blanks for ribbon bars have been cut, annealed and turned.

The Mint has purchased for these medals:

840 yards ribbon.....		$378.00
8,000 pasteboard boxes.....		94.80
Steel for master dies.....		9.20
Add labor charged to this order to date of suspension:		
103-3/8 hrs. at 91-3/4¢ per hour...	$94.84	
78-1/2 hrs. at 80¢ per hour.....	62.80	157.64
		$659.64

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

November 4, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,576,616,641
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,958,527
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	308,330,800
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,676,120
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,551,581,888

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 5, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 3rd, enclosing a copy of a note, dated October 29, 1931, from the Charge d'Affaires of China, transmitting a check for $17.39, to cover the charges in connection with the shipment of certain dies, which have been made for the Chinese Government by the Mint at Philadelphia.

The check has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, with instructions to ship to China six pairs of Chinese five-cent dies and six pairs of Chinese two-cent dies, made at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

A A Ballantine

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

November 6, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the enclosed Railway Express Agency receipt, obtained by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, covering the shipment to China of six pairs of Chinese five-cent dies and six pairs of Chinese two-cent dies, be transmitted to the Charge d'Affaires of China.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

November 7, 1951.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request your approval of the extension of leave of absence for a period of eight days, on account of sickness, of Mr. Roy T. Algate, a member of the staff of this Bureau.

Mr. Algate has had thirty days' annual leave and sixteen days' leave of absence on account of sickness, up to the close of business October 11th, and has no accrued sick leave. Mr. Algate is a veteran, and his absence is due to no delinquency on his part.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilley

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

November 7, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 4th, relative to a telegram from the American Legation at San Salvador requesting two extra copies of the interrogatories relating to El Salvador regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption and monetary stock of gold and silver, and this Department takes pleasure in forwarding the copies requested.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

November 9, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the letter of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, dated September 18, 1931, recommending the promotion of Harry S. McDougall from the position of Guard, at $1320 per annum, to Skilled Workman at $1440 per annum, be amended to read **********"from the position of Guard, at $1320 per annum, to Helper at $1440 per annum".

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reely

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

November 9, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to request your approval of one day's leave of absence, without pay, of Mr. Roy T. Algate, Clerk in this Bureau.

Mr. Algate has used all of his annual leave and was obliged to absent himself from the office on Saturday last.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

November 16, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,577,667,241
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,958,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	308,767,644
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,663,880
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,553,057,092

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of War,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing a bronze replica of the medal authorized by the Act of Congress approved February 28, 1929, in recognition of the services rendered by several persons in the experimentations during the yellow fever investigation in Cuba, which was prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia in response to your request of October 13th.

The voucher covering the cost of this medal is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

December 1, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended November 30, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

December 1, 1931.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

December 3, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,670,930,221
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	308,328,511
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,616,781
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,645,833,840

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to a request of the Ambassador of France, dated January 5, 1920, there were manufactured at the Mint in San Francisco certain coins for Indo-China. The master dies for these coins were supplied by the Equitable Trust Company of New York, acting as agent for the French Government in handling this coinage. On July 6, 1922, the hubs for the Piaster, twenty cent, ten cent and one cent pieces were returned to the Equitable Trust Company by the Mint at Philadelphia. The Mint at Philadelphia still has on hand the master die and hub for the one Stang piece. The Mint at San Francisco has on hand three reverse dies of the Indo-China Piaster, ten reverse dies of the Indo-China twenty cent piece and thirteen reverse dies of the Indo-China ten cent piece.

It is recommended that instructions be requested from the Ambassador of France as to what disposition he wishes to have made of these dies.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 15, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,673,531,098
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	308,404,912
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,608,313
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,648,502,650

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 17, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the temporary appointment of Mr. Lee H. McCloy, as Assistant Melter in the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, be extended from December 31, 1931, to January 15, 1932. This extension has the approval of the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. McCloy's employment is necessary due to the fact that the Assay Office at Seattle is being transferred from one building to another. It is understood that he will be dropped from the rolls at the close of business January 15, 1932.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

December 22, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is made to certificate of deposit (on form 1) No. 32 dated December 11, 1931, issued in the name of Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, for $1.25, on account of collections for unofficial use of official telephone. This certificate of deposit should have been issued on form No. 6599, for placing the amount in question to Mr. Shepard's checking credit, symbol 15,105. Will you please have the amount placed to Mr. Shepard's checking credit.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1931.

Honorable George P. Darrow,
House of Representatives U.S.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman:

I have your letter of December 21st and have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to place the name of Dr. Walter T. Taggart on the list to be submitted to the President when the Annual Assay Commission is selected.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

January 4, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,671,590,256
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,327
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	308,143,318
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,661,053
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,646,352,954

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended December 31, 1931, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

January 5, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau was tardy ten times during the year ended December 31, 1931.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Appointments)
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In correspondence with the request of the Civil Service Commission dated December 23rd, a copy of which letter has been forwarded to this Bureau, I give below a statement showing the number of classified employees in the field institutions of the Mint Service by cities:

City	Number of Employees
San Francisco, Calif.	95
Denver, Colo.	76
Philadelphia, Penna.	261
New York, N.Y.	110
New Orleans, La.	4
Boise, Idaho.	3
Helena, Montana.	2
Salt Lake City, Utah.	1
Carson City, Nevada.	2
Seattle, Washington.	11
	565

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1932.

Honorable James F. Byrnes,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of January 2nd recommending the appointment of Mr. A. R. Johnston, of Reevesville, S.C., as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets in Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February.

I have taken pleasure in placing Mr. Johnston's name on the list for consideration when the Commission is appointed.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 8, 1932.

Dr. A. H. Armbruster, Acting Dean,
University of Pittsburgh,
School of Business Administration,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

My dear Dr. Armbruster:

I have your letter of January 5th recommending the appointment of Mr. Montfort Jones, Professor of Finance at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Penna., as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets in Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February.

I have taken pleasure in placing Mr. Jones' name on the list for consideration when the Commission is appointed.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 9, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of December 24th, there is submitted on the form provided by you a report of the space used by the Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

January 12, 1932.

Robert Aitken, Esquire,
227 West 13th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Aitken:

The Acting Director of the Mint has handed me your letter of January 10th, in which you ask that the models submitted by you in the recent competition for the design of the new quarter dollar be returned to you.

In accordance with your request, the models are being sent to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 12, 1932.

Honorable Louis Ludlow,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman:

I have your letter of January 5th, in which you quoted a letter addressed to you by Mr. Martin B. Hall of Indianapolis, Indiana, in reference to $2.50 gold pieces.

In reply you are advised that the coinage and issue of the $2.50 gold pieces were discontinued by Act of Congress, approved April 11, 1930. This coin was not well adapted for use in circulation owing to its size, and there was no demand for it by the public except during the Christmas holiday season. The coins were in demand at that time for use as gifts, but when so used they very generally disappeared from circulation. The supply of such coins was always inadequate to meet the holiday demands, which caused considerable irritation, and the gold required to manufacture an adequate supply was needed for more important purposes. It was therefore deemed desirable to discontinue the issuance of this coin since it served no business need.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 15, 1932.

Honorable Benj. M. Golder,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman:

I have your letter of January 14th recommending the appointment of Mr. William S. Walker of Philadelphia, Penna., as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets in Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February.

I have taken pleasure in placing Mr. Walker's name on the list for consideration when the Commission is appointed.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 472

January 21, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1931, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,671,608,689
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	308,313,375
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,659,014
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,646,539,213

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1932.

Honorable Royal S. Copeland,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of January 14th enclosing a letter from Mr. Murray Hulbert, who asks about a special issue of coins in connection with the Olympic Games.

The Treasury Department feels that the established policy of disapproving the issue of special coins should be adhered to in the case of the proposed coin under review.

In the opinion of this Department the same objections lie against the suggestion for this coin as those which were brought forth in regard to the bill for the Gadsden Purchase coin, which was vetoed by the President on April 21, 1930. The Department would not be in position, in view of the veto already exercised, to acquiesce in this proposed legislation.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a copy of the President's veto message.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Mellon

Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 22, 1932.

Honorable Scott Turner,
Director, Bureau of Mines,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Director:

I have your letter of January 19th recommending the appointment of Mr. Charles Will Wright of Kenwood, Md., as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets in Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February.

I have taken pleasure in placing Mr. Wright's name on the list for consideration when the Commission is appointed.

Very truly yours,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 1, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is made to certificate of deposit No. 30 dated January 15, 1932, made at the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco, in the name of E. T. Clyde, Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada, in the sum of $1.00. This certificate bears indication of having been made for refund of overpayment on voucher No. 36. Since no overpayment occurs requiring refund, I have to request that the certificate of deposit be credited to the revenue account "Charges for Special Assays of Bullion and Ores", symbol 6322.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended January 31, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1932.

Mr. Charles W. Wright,
109 Brookside Drive,
Kenwood, Md.

Dear Mr. Wright:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 10, 1932.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but your actual and necessary traveling expenses to and from Philadelphia, and $5.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1932, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 2, 1932.

Doctor A. R. Johnston,

Reevesville, S.C.

Dear Doctor Johnston:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 10, 1932.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1932, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 2, 1932.

Professor Montfort Jones,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Professor Jones:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 10, 1932.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1932, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 2, 1932.

Mr. W. F. Meggers,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Meggers:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 10, 1932.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but your actual and necessary traveling expenses to and from Philadelphia, and $5.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1932, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 2, 1932.

Honorable J. W. Pole,
Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Annual Assay Commission, appointed to test the weight and fineness of coins reserved by the several Mints during the calendar year 1931, will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock, Wednesday, February 10, 1932.

As prescribed by Section 3547, Revised Statutes, you, as Comptroller of the Currency, are an ex-officio member of the Commission.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but your actual and necessary traveling expenses to and from Philadelphia, and $5.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1932, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify the Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mr. Burt G. Shields, Assayer,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

The Annual Assay Commission, appointed to test the weight and fineness of coins reserved by the several Mints during the calendar year 1931, will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock, Wednesday, February 10, 1932.

As prescribed by Section 3547, Revised Statutes, you, as Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, New York, N.Y., are an ex-officio member of the Commission.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but your actual and necessary traveling expenses to and from Philadelphia, and $5.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1932, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify the Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 2, 1932.

Honorable Oliver B. Dickinson,
United States District Judge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the Annual Assay Commission, appointed to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several Mints during the calendar year 1931, will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on Wednesday, February 10, 1932, at ten o'clock.

As prescribed by Section 3547, Revised Statutes, you, as Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, are an ex-officio member of the Commission. No compensation is allowed for service on the Commission.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 2, 1932.

Doctor Walter T. Taggart,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Doctor Taggart:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has today appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 10, 1932.

As you are aware, the sessions of the Commission last about three days. Your subsistence expenses while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1932, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 2, 1932.

Mr. William S. Walker,
1620 French Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Walker:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has today appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 10, 1932.

As you are aware, the sessions of the Commission last about three days. Your subsistence expenses while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1932, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 3, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,671,656,393
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - -	307,709,117
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,599,242
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,645,922,887

Respectfully,

M. McKeever

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward the attached forms recommending the extension of service of Honorable Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for a period not exceeding two years beginning August 31, 1930. Mr. Magruder was made Assayer in Charge by a Presidential appointment on December 1, 1914.

Mr. Magruder's extension of service has not been previously requested as it was understood that Presidential appointees were not required to make applications for continuance in service. It is now recommended for the reason that Mr. Magruder is a highly efficient Presidential officer and it is in the interest of the Government that he be retained in his present position.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 6, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to your request of February 3rd, I have the honor to enclose a table showing the chemists in the Mint Service, their present salary, where located and date of original appointment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 6, 1932.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit under separate cover a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that same be transmitted to representatives of the United States accredited to the foreign Governments indicated on the face of the interrogatories. Copies of comparative tables, compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years, are also being forwarded with the current interrogatories, with the suggestion that they be distributed by United States representatives where they may stimulate interest in answers which will provide information for making future similar tables as complete as possible.

The information elicited by these interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who for many years has collected and published statistics relating to the subjects specified.

With a view to increasing the usefulness of the interrogatories it is suggested that the Department of State, in its letter of conveyal, include the following specific comments:

1. Where actual statistics are not available, estimates or opinions of experts are very urgently desired. Any such figures included in the report should, of course, be clearly designated as estimated.

2. Where not even estimates or authoritative opinions can be obtained a definite statement to this effect is desired.

3. In view of the importance of the information to the Treasury and to the public, it is desired that in filling out the questionnaire the greatest care be exercised and every effort made to make the information as complete as possible.

It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the

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representatives to whom these inquiries are addressed; Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureaus; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and technical experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that inquiries have, at times, been dropped because the information could not be obtained fron one source, when it might have been obtained from other sources.

It will greatly facilitate the compilation of statistics if the United States representatives follow up their inquiries, thus contributing to expedite matters, and forward answers directly to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., so as to reach him by October first. Data received after that date are too late for publication during the current year.

The co-operation of the State Department and its representatives abroad will be highly appreciated by the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

A. A. Ballantine

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 6, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 3rd, (LA), enclosing a copy and translation of a note, dated January 30, 1931, from the Honduran Minister in this capital, requesting that certain coinage be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia, Pa., for the Government of Honduras.

The coinage of these 1,000,000 ten centavo pieces and 300,000 un lempira pieces can be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia under the following terms:

METALS REQUIRED

300,000 un lempira pieces 900 fine------ 108,506.25 fine oz. silver

1,000,000 ten centavo nickel coins 75% copper and 25% nickel, weighing 7 grams each---------- 11,574.00 avd. lbs. copper
3,858.00 avd. lbs. nickel

COST OF COINAGE

Un lempira pieces---------- $7.50 per 1,000 pieces
Diez centavo pieces---------- 4.50 per 1,000 pieces

It is understood that the un lempira piece is of the same weight, fineness and design as those previously coined by the Mint at Philadelphia for the Government of Honduras, and that the ten centavo piece shall be 75% copper and 25% nickel alloy, diameter 26 millimeters; and weight 7 grams each.

The Mint at Philadelphia has the dies for the un lempira coin, and while nothing is said in the note from the Minister of Honduras, it is assumed that "1931" appearing on this die should be changed to "1932".

A new die will be required for the ten centavo nickel piece. It is understood that the obverse shall be the same as the five centavo die, with the exception that the date shall be 1932. The design of the reverse shall be identical with the five centavo piece previously

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coined at the Mint, with the following wording "DIEZ - 10 CENTAVOS DE LEMPIRA". As the Mint has the designs for this piece, the cost of preparing the dies will be $200. No charge will be made for changing the date on the un lempira piece.

The prices quoted above include the cost of working dies and alloy for silver coins, but not the cost of silver bullion and the metals required in minor coinage, nor do they include cost of boxes required in shipment.

Two hundred boxes will be required to pack these coins for shipment. These boxes can be made at the Mint if desired, at a unit price of $.75 each, or $150 for the lot.

Copper and nickel required in this coinage could be furnished by the Mint, but as the Mint has not purchased nickel or copper for more than a year, the cost prices of these two metals would exceed the present outside market prices plus freight and cartage.

From three weeks to one month from date of receipt of order would be required to prepare the dies for this coinage, which could be undertaken and finished promptly upon receipt of order and completion of dies.

Respectfully,

Sigmund Livermore

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 10, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In conformity with your request of January 20, 1932, reference WE: 811.515/648, transmitting form of questionnaire relating to the coinage and currency of the United States, for the supplying of information desired by the Deputy Master and Comtroller of the Royal Mint of Great Britain, I have the honor to return herewith such questionnaire with the requested data.

Respectfully,

Enclosure.

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 12, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the continuance in service of Honorable John Lewis May, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, for a period of two years beginning March 18, 1932. Mr. May assumed the office of Assayer in Charge by Presidential appointment on August 1, 1921. Formal application for this continuance and medical certificate are attached.

Mr. May is invaluable to that branch of the service in which he is engaged, and it is to the interest of the Government that he be retained in his present position.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the continuance in service of Honorable William L. Hill, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for a period of two years beginning March 24, 1932. Mr. Hill assumed the office of Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena by Presidential appointment on September 1, 1921. Formal application for this continuance, together with medical certificate and record of efficiency, is enclosed.

Mr. Hill is invaluable to the Mint Service and it is to the interest of the Government that he be retained in his present position.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold -	$1,671,652,889
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - -	307,556,762
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,586,168
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,645,753,954

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose, for submission to the Honduran Minister at this capital, lead impressions of the obverse and reverse dies for the ten centavo nickel piece, one million of which coins are on order at the Philadelphia Mint for the Government of Honduras.

While this coin resembles the five centavo piece, except for changes in the date on the obverse side and words and figures on the reverse side of the die, approval of the representative of the Government of Honduras is requested before preparing hubs and working dies. Will you please advise the Department so that the Mint at Philadelphia may prepare the hubs and working dies and proceed with the coinage.

Respectfully,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 19, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, occupies a part of the Assay Office building as living quarters, and the amount of $360 was fixed in July, 1925, as an equitable amount for the value of the accommodations. Mr. Hill's cash salary is $2,300 and, with the addition of $360 as the value of the accommodations "in kind", his salary is $2,660. As there is no such salary rate as $2,660, it is desired to bring his combined allowances into conformity with a prescribed rate by reducing the value of the "in kind" allowance to $300, thus making his combined remuneration equal to $2,600 per annum, $2,300 in cash as at present and $300 "in kind", instead of $2,660. I have the honor to recommend that the reduction cited above, from $360 to $300 in allowance "in kind", be authorized.

It is believed that this recommendation is justified by the fact that the expenses incident to the living quarters now occupied by Mr. Hill are less than they were when the amount was fixed at $360.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 1st, enclosing authority contained in House Report No. 270, 72d Congress, 1st Session, for the destruction of certain papers, I have to report that the small quantity of useless papers on hand at the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, mentioned on page 10 of the Report of the House of Representatives above referred to, have been destroyed by burning, there being no market for the purchase of this material in Helena.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to footnote of February 18th on Civil Service Commission's Departmental Circular No. 86 of February 16th, relative to H. J. Resolution 115, I have the honor to give below the name of the only employee in the Mint Service who has been honorably discharged from the military or naval service of the United States, and who is now employed by the Government in an unclassified position and who has completed three years of service in such position:

Howard T. Gifford,
Private Secretary to the Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.
Salary, $1920 per annum.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of February 24th, please be advised that no changes are necessary in the telephone directory as far as the Bureau of the Mint is concerned.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1932.

Mr. Ralph Roland,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are authorized and requested to proceed to Washington for a conference with this Bureau on Tuesday, March 1st, in regard to the accounting system of the Mint at Philadelphia.

While engaged in this service, your actual and necessary traveling expenses, and $5.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence, will be paid from the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1932".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

Approved:

By direction of the Secretary

F. A. Birgfeld, Chief Clerk

~~Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.~~

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Honorable Eugene Meyer,
Governor, Federal Reserve Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meyer:

In conformity with your request of February 20, 1932, the mints and assay offices are being directed to promptly supply to your Division of Research and Statistics data relating to inter-mint-service transfers of gold bullion. Copies of the directions in question are attached for information of your office.

Very truly yours,

Ogden L. Mills

Encl.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended February 29, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 29, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,663,140,773
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - -	307,170,019
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,541,580
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,636,810,507

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Division of Bookkeeping Warrants)
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your circular letter of February 29th, I beg to state that I know of no work or class of work performed in this office which is being done either in whole or part by another bureau or office of the Treasury. I know of no work or class of work performed in this office being duplicated by another department of the Government. The work performed by the Mint Service is peculiar to the manufacture of coins and subsidiary operations leading up to the coinage. In connection with this work, statistics on the production and consumption of the precious metals are compiled.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your letter of February 9, 1932, requesting a report on Bill H. R. 4725, "To place assayers in the classified civil service, and for other purposes," the following is respectfully submitted:

There are at this time three coinage mints, located at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Denver, Colorado and San Francisco, California. At New Orleans, Louisiana and Carson City, Nevada, there are United States Mints, but for a number of years they have been operated only as assay offices. Other assay offices are operated at New York, New York, Seattle, Washington, Helena, Montana, Salt Lake City, Utah and Boise, Idaho. Except for the assay office at New York, N. Y., which is operated under the direction of a superintendent, all of the assay offices, including the two mints operated as assay offices at New Orleans and Carson City, are under the direction of Assayers in Charge.

Bill H. R. 4725 provides that the present assayers in the U. S. Mints are covered into the classified service without examination and that hereafter all appointments of assayers in the U. S. Mints shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, in accordance with the Civil Service laws and regulations. The Bill limits its provisions to the positions of Assayer in the U. S. Mints. This would include only the mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. Any arguments in favor of this proposed legislation will apply equally to the position of assayer in the New York assay office and to the positions of assayer in charge in the six minor assay offices, including the mints at New Orleans and Carson City operated as assay offices. It is therefore suggested that the Bill should be amended accordingly, if it is to receive favorable consideration.

Since the establishment of the Mint and Assay Service of the United States, appointments have been made only by the President to the positions of assayer and assayer in charge. The Department is not aware of any reason for changing the practice of many years governing these appointments. The Mint and Assay Service has always functioned efficiently under the direction of these Presidential officers. However the Department makes no objection to the enactment of the bill if the Congress shall deem it advisable to so extend the scope of the Civil Service.

Very truly yours,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Lamar Jeffers,
Chairman, Committee on
the Civil Service,
House of Representatives.

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March 9, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 2nd relative to the dispatch of mail from this Bureau.

It will be practicable for this office to forward to the mail room, before three o'clock, all the pamphlets, circulars and publications, but it will not be practicable for this Bureau to have the day's mail forwarded to the Treasury mail room by three o'clock. Every possible effort will be made to dispose of as much of the daily mail during the day as practicable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1952.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 29, 1952, is given below:

Gold -	$1,663,107,692
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - -	306,980,482
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,541,520
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,636,567,829

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

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March 23, 1932.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, DC.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 18, 1932, relative to the following unpaid bills of the Buxton Line, Inc., Norfolk, Va.

Bill Nos.	Dated	Amount
G-12	Feb. 28, 1931	$4.15 Unpaid Balance Original bill $109.05
G-24	April 30, 1931	$9.26
G-25	do	1.51

You are respectfully advised that this Bureau has no record of these bills.

Respectfully,

R J Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1932.

Honorable Charles Moore, Chairman,
The Commission of Fine Arts,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I have selected for the new quarter dollar, as authorized by law, one of the two models viewed by you on your recent visit to the Treasury Department. In view of the criticisms made by the Commission of the model selected, I have asked for a restudy of it, which has been made, and changes have been effected in the model which I hope will meet the criticisms of the Commission.

I am submitting this restudied model to you for advice as to the merits of such a design before finally approving its selection for the new coin.

Sincerely yours,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 25, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval designs for the new quarter dollar. A change in the design of the quarter dollar was authorized by the act of March 4, 1931. The models were prepared by Mr. John Flanagan of New York City.

The details of the design are in accordance with the requirements of law.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 31, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 30th enclosing a copy in translation of a note dated March 15, 1932, from the Ambassador of Cuba requesting that the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized to execute the coinage of 3,550,000 one peso pieces and 184,296 twenty centavo pieces for the Cuban Government.

Provided no change other than that of the date is made in the master dies and hubs which the Mint has in its possession belonging to the Government of Cuba, this coinage could be executed upon the following terms:

Denomination	Cost per thousand	Fine oz. silver required
One peso	$11.00	2,745,703.13
Twenty centavo	4.25	26,663.03

These prices do not include the cost of the silver, nor the cost of packing boxes. The approximate cost of packing boxes would be $.75 each, and each box would contain 2,000 pesos. About nine weeks would be required to complete the coinage of the one peso pieces and about one week would be required to complete the coinage of the twenty centavo pieces.

It is requested that this Department be advised as to whether or not the Cuban Government desires to have the dates on the dies, now in possession of the Mint at Philadelphia, changed to the current date, 1932.

Respectfully,

Sydney Lawman

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 28, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 25, 1932, reference FA - 102.14/443, enclosing a letter from the American Embassy at London requesting three additional copies of interrogatories of the Director of the Mint regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matter, for British North Borneo.

I take pleasure in enclosing the three questionnaire forms requested.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended March 31, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,687,014,632
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - -	306,578,649
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,471,579
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,659,822,995

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1932.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I have before me your letter of March 31, referring to my letter of March 23, setting forth the recommendation of the Commission that the restudied model for the new quarter dollar referred to in my letter, be not accepted.

As you state, the model in question was one submitted in the competition for the proposed new design of the twenty-five cent piece, and it was clear to all that this model was one of the more interesting and meritorious. My predecessor in office, Honorable A. W. Mellon, gave thought and attention to the models submitted in the competition and finally selected the particular model in question. In the light of your suggestions, I gave further thought to the matter and certain changes have been made by the artist, prompted by these suggestions. I have given further consideration to the subject and am constrained to adhere to the decision of my predecessor, and I select that model.

You will realize, of course, that the duty of making the selection falls upon the Secretary of the Treasury and not upon the Commission of Fine Arts, the function of that body being purely advisory.

I appreciate the thought which the Commission has given to this matter and its full expression in your letter. As I have said, my own choice is the same as that of my predecessor, and it is my belief that the interests of the Government and of the artists concerned in such competitions will be served by adherence to that choice.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Charles Moore,
Chairman, The Commission of Fine Arts,
Washington, D. C.

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April 13, 1922.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Mr. James R. Offutt, Washington, D.C., to the position of private secretary to the Director of the Mint, CAF-5-1, at $2,000 per annum, this position having been made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Erastus R. Massey.

It is requested that the appointment be made effective April 16, 1922. The position is an excepted one.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(through Division of Appointments)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith the oaths of office, all dated April 11, 1932, of Jules J. Gaignard, Andrew Busoni, Jordon Sketchler and George Matulich, temporarily employed at $4.00 per diem each, for a period of approximately sixty days, to assist in the handling of standard silver dollars at the New Orleans Mint.

Respectfully,

H. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold -	$1,687,111,593
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - -	306,427,150
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,463,450
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,659,960,328

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1932.

Dear Mr. Moore:

In response to your telephone inquiry you are advised that Mr. John Flanagan is the sculptor who designed the models for the quarter dollar of new design.

Very truly yours,

William H. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Charles Moore,
Chairman, The Commission of Fine Arts,
Washington, D. C.

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April 18, 1952.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith please find questionnaire replies, as requested by the Federal Statistics Board and called for by your communication of April 1, 1952.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1932.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

Under date of June 18, 1931, your department forwarded for consideration a copy of a note dated June 15, 1931, from the Chinese Charge d'Affaires ad interim, requesting the preparation of certain coinage dies for his Government.

Under date of June 19, this department instructed the Director of the Mint to proceed with the preparation of these dies. On January 23, 1932, the Director of the Mint received the following cable:

"Due to some anticipated changes in design hold all of hubs master dies plaster models and balance of dies shipment in the Mint until further instructions letter following with full particulars.

Clifford Hewitt"

Up to that time the Mint had prepared dies for the following Chinese coins:

Silver	Minor
One Dollar	5 cent nickel coin
One-half Dollar	1 cent bronze coin
20 cent piece	
10 cent piece	

Upon receipt of the above cable all work on dies for the Chinese Government was stopped pending receipt of the letter referred to in the cablegram.

On February 16, 1932, the Director of the Mint received the following letter:

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"Dear Sir:

January 25, 1932.

"Regarding the cablegram I sent you under date of January 23, 1932, with a request that you hold at the Philadelphia Mint all plaster models, master dies, hubs, photographs etc., which I left at the Mint in care of Mr. Sinnock, Chief Engraver of the Philadelphia Mint.

"The reasons for this is that the Chinese Government is of the opinion that should they desire a change made in the reverse design of the silver denomination, this proposed change could be carried out with the least possible delay by the Philadelphia Mint holding all plaster models, master dies, hubs, photographs, etc. In this way work could proceed at once on the new reverse dies upon receipt of cable advice from the Chinese Government through our State Department.

"Following, I will explain in detail Design No. 1 and Design No. 2. Cable advice will instruct you to make dies for either one or the other. As this is under advisement, we cannot decide at this writing which design will be accepted by the Minister of Finance.

"For your information our cablegram will read 'make reverse master dies and hubs with working dies for one dollar, half dollar, 20-cent and 10-cent silver coins as per instructions in my letter of January 25, 1932, explaining Design No. 1 and Design No. 2.'

Description of Design No. 1.

"Change the present reverse by removing the six (6) Chinese characters and in place put the three (3) Sea Gulls. Eliminate the three (3) Sea Gulls on the water. Place one Chinese character on the right side of the coin and the other on the left side as I have roughly shown the proposed changes on the enclosed photograph.

Description of Design No. 2.

"This reverse is to be the Temple of Heaven Design same as was used for the Special silver coin. This model and master die are in the Engraving Department at the Philadelphia Mint. In this design, there is to be no change. Should either of the above designs be accepted, we will require working dies for the following denomination of coins:

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One Dollar, Half Dollar, 20-cent and 10-cent silver coins, each coin is to be two (2) Chinese characters expressing the value of each coin, all in the same position as shown on the enclosed photograph.

"There will be no change in the obverse die.

"All the obverse dies you have sent us will be used with the new proposed reverse dies. Note: The same outside diameters and weights of all four denominations of coins to remain the same as the original design.

"I have endeavored to make everything as clear as possible regarding this new design and I am quite sure Mr. Sinnock will grasp my ideas and have no difficulty in making this change.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Clifford Hewitt,
Technical Mint Expert"

On April 13, 1932, the following cable was received by the Director of the Mint:

"Send by registered mail one complete set of sample coins struck from each of the ten different dies.

Clifford Hewitt"

As stated, upon receipt of the cablegram of January 23, 1932, all work was stopped awaiting further instructions, and work was not resumed on the unfinished nickel dies upon receipt of the letter of January 25, 1932, because of instructions contained in cablegram of January 23rd, to hold all of the master dies, hubs, etc., in the Mint for further instructions contained in letter following, which letter did not refer to the nickel and bronze dies, and we felt in view of the instructions contained in the cablegram the work should not be resumed until we had more definite instructions as to what is desired.

There are three dies still on order, viz: 1/4 cent bronze, 10 cent and 5 cent nickel "temple of heaven" design which are not completed.

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Mr. Hewitt requests strikes from all dies sent to him by registered mail, which we shall be unable to do for some time, because of the incomplete bronze and nickel dies. It is therefore requested that this department be advised as to whether or not we should comply with his request as far as possible, and send him impressions taken from the master dies for one dollar, one-half dollar, 20 cent and 10 cent silver pieces, the 5 cent nickel and the one-cent bronze pieces.

It is also requested that the department be advised as to how the shipment should be made, i.e., direct to the Mint at Shanghai or through the Chinese Embassy at Washington.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 11th requesting a report on S.J. Res. 53, to authorize the President to award gold medals to Wiley Post and Harold Gatty in recognition of their achievement in making an airplane flight around the world in less than nine days.

It is understood that this Joint Resolution was passed by the Senate on January 22, 1932, was reported out by your Committee favorably, and it is now proposed, when the Resolution comes up for passage in the House of Representatives, to submit the amendment embodied in your letter.

I would suggest that the following changes be made in the wording of the proposed amendment, for the purpose of making the Resolution more explicit in its provisions:

Substitute for the second paragraph of the proposed amendment the following:

> "For such purpose there is authorized to be appropriated the sum of $1,700."

I would further suggest that in the third paragraph of the proposed amendment the word "struck" be substituted for the word "coined".

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Andrew L. Somers,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

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April 25, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of April 20, quoting a letter received by your office under date of April 18, 1932, from Mr. L. J. O'Rourke, Director of the Council of Personnel Administration, U. S. Civil Service Commission, the following names are submitted in connection with the study of Federal promotion and transfer practices which the Council of Personnel Administration has been directed to undertake.

In addition to the list of chemists forwarded to the Division of Appointments under date of February 6, 1932, it is desired to submit the name of Charles L. Bretland, United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, Assistant Assayer, $2300 (field), appointed 6-1-09.

In addition to the names of chemists referred to above, the following names should be included in the list of personnel employees, in accordance with the circular letter dated April 20, 1932.

Philadelphia Mint.

Wm. T. Bartholomew, Supt., Coining Department
Hubert D. Coleman, Supt. Melting & Refining Dept.
John R. Sinnock, Engraver

San Francisco Mint.

Eugene D. Hawkins, Supt. Melting & Refining Dept.
John McCabe, Assayer
Joseph W. Steel, Supt., Coining Department.

Denver Mint.

John C. Wells, Supt., Coining Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of April 27, 1932, please be advised that the letters concerning the circular letter of April 26, 1932, issued by the Director of the Council of Personnel Administration, should be addressed to the Director of the Mint, Room 182, Treasury Building.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 3, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 3, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended April 30, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 3, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of April 30, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,735,198,152
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	305,780,827
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,473,427
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,707,410,541

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 3, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir;

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, I have to report the following changes in the personnel of this Bureau:

Erastus R. Massey, Private Secretary to the Director of the Mint, at $2000 per annum, (CAF 5-1), resigned April 15, 1932.

James R. Offutt, Private Secretary to the Director of the Mint, at $2000 per annum, (CAF 5-1), appointed April 16, 1932.

Respectfully.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 3, 1932, inclosing a copy and translation of a note dated April 22, from the Colombian Minister, requesting that the United States Mint at Philadelphia be authorized to sell on behalf of the Colombian Government Mint at Medellin, to the S. J. Brisbin Company of New York, twenty-four engrailed coin collars.

Will you please ascertain from the Colombian Minister the denomination of coin or coins for which these engrailed coin collars are to be used.

Immediately upon receipt of this information, this Department will take pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to cause the desired collars to be manufactured at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

May 13, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is made to your FA - 102.14/448 dated May 9, 1932. I am informed the Director of the Mint understands that the text of the Persian 1932 monetary law lately received, stated to be a modification of the law of March 18, 1930, constitutes the complete current monetary law. If there are any provisions of the law of 1930 that are effective but not included in the 1932 modification, the Director of the Mint would be glad to be supplied with a translated copy of the 1930 law.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

May 13, 1932.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 9th, transmitting a copy of a translation of a note dated April 30, 1932, from the Honduran Minister, requesting that this department permit the coinage at the Philadelphia Mint, for the Government of Honduras, of two hundred thousand silver fifty centavos pieces, of the same type as those minted previously, namely: 6.25 grams in weight; nine hundred thousandths fine and twenty-four millimeters in diameter.

It is understood that the only change to be made in the working die will be that of the date which will be 1932 instead of 1931, and there will be no charge for this service.

The cost of coinage would be the same as that charged in 1931 for making the fifty centavos pieces, namely, $6.50 per one thousand pieces.

It is further understood that the National City Bank of New York will act as the agent to deliver to the Mint at Philadelphia, the required silver and will receive and make payment for the coins upon completion.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to make arrangements to have this coinage executed at the Mint in Philadelphia, as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 16, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of April 30, 1932, is given below:

Gold -	$1,736,157,926
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - -	305,584,617
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,460,615
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,708,161,293

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1932

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 23, inclosing circular letter No. 78, dated May 17th, relative to relinguishment of space in Government-owned or leased buildings.

If the existing establishments of the Mint Service are included in the appropriation for the fiscal year 1933, this service will have no space to relinguish.

The pending appropriation as passed by the House made no provision for four of the small offices. Until after the passage of the appropriation act we will have no way of knowing whether these offices will be closed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 31, 1932.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 23rd, stating that the Colombian Legation had informed your Department that the twenty-four engrailed coin collars desired by the Colombian Government were for the fifty centavo denomination.

I have the honor to state that the cost of preparing the twenty-four collars for this denomination will be $5.00 each, or a total of $120.00.

Will you please advise this Department if this charge is satisfactory to the Colombian Minister.

Very truly yours,

Seymour Lowman

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended May 31, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 3, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,756,193,150
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - -	304,744,817
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,469,738
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,727,365,840

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of June 6, the following is submitted:

Field men connected with the Mint Service are seldom called to Washington, for consultation. None come here regularly.

The Engraver of the Mint, Mr. John R. Sinnock of Philadelphia, is occasionally called to Washington to submit models of designs for medals or coins.

The Director of the Mint visits each of the institutions of the Field Service regularly and there is therefore little reason for calling men from the field to Washington.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of May 27th, I am returning, in duplicate, additional forms forwarded in connection with statistical work, duly filled out.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inclosures.

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June 15, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,756,150,568
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - -	304,802,950
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,469,732
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,727,381,385

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 17, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of June 14, 1932, the following statement covering all typewriters in our possession at the present time, together with the make, model, age, and size of carriage, is submitted:

Make	Model	Age	Size of Carriage	Serial Number
Underwood	5	1921	10 inch	1,200,621-5
"	"	1924	10 "	1,854,347-5
"	"	1926	10 "	2,187,755-5
"	"	1929	10 "	2,508,714-5
"	"	1932	10 "	4,080,344-10
"	3	1927	16 "	621,254-16
"	3	1931	18 "	3,878,619-18

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of June 10th, this Bureau submits an estimate for items found in the "Contingent Expenses, Treasury Department", in the amount of $75.00; this includes repairs to furniture $25.00, miscellaneous items such as date stamps, ink wells, copy baths, desk baskets and waste baskets, $50.00.

It is now believed that this Bureau will not require any labor-saving machines, typewriters or other costly equipment during the coming year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1932.

Memorandum for Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Subject: Key-men who would be retired on June 30, 1932, under the provisions of the pending Economy Bill.

THE UNITED STATES MINT - PHILADELPHIA

Carroll, Thomas H., Machinist:

Mr. Carroll is an expert mechanician, especially skilled in the care and maintenance of special mint machinery, and his retirement at this time would be detrimental to the interest of the Government. We have no employee now in the mint who could fill his place immediately as the training required for this position is peculiar to mint operations and the high degree of skill attained by Mr. Carroll can be acquired only by long experience.

Shuman, Henry B., Skilled Workman:

Mr. Shuman is the chief expert in the reviewing and examining of circulated coins and his long experience enables him to detect quickly, counterfeit and unfit coins. He has no understudy who has as yet attained proficiency to such a degree as to make him immediately available to fill Mr. Shuman's place.

Wheeler, Thomas H., Foreman, Make-up Room:

Mr. Wheeler is in charge of the department where metals are combined in preparation for coinage. This is special technical work which cannot be learned outside of the mint. Mr. Wheeler is especially expert and his service to the Government is unusually valuable.

There are eleven more employees in this institution whose services are needed, but cannot be regarded as indispensable. I therefore make no recommendation for their retention.

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THE UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE - NEW YORK

Heins, William D., Foreman, Gold Room:

We are in the process of moving the Assay Office to a new location and it is of the utmost importance that we hold all of the technical men we have in this institution, particularly such men as Mr. Heins. He is of great importance to us at this time in assembling, setting-up, and organizing the work in the gold room of the new office. We are short of men in this important office where there is an unusual amount of work incident to imports and exports of gold at this time.

There are three men in this institution who are subject to retirement under the pending bill. Of this number I would urgently recommend the retention of Mr. Heins.

THE UNITED STATES MINT - NEW ORLEANS

Magruder, Leonard, Assayer in Charge:

Mr. Magruder has served under a presidential appointment since 1914. It is in the interest of the government that Mr. Magruder be allowed to remain in charge of this mint as long as possible. The force there is small and it is essential that a trained mint man be in this responsible position. Mr. Magruder has been in the Mint Service for nearly half a century. His retirement would necessitate a presidential appointment to this post.

THE UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE - HELENA

Hill, William L., Assayer in Charge:

Mr. Hill has been serving under a presidential appointment since 1921. He has been in the Mint Service for 32 years and is a responsible officer, well equipped to conduct his office to the best interest of the Government, and I strongly recommend that he be retained. Should Mr. Hill be retired at this time a presidential appointment would be necessary.

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THE UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE - SALT LAKE CITY

May, John L., Assayer in Charge:

Mr. May has been serving under a presidential appointment since 1921. He is a technical man with 23 years of Mint Service, and is well equipped to carry on the technical work of this office. It would be in the best interest of the Government to retain Mr. May in his present position. His retirement would necessitate a presidential appointment.

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1932.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 21st, relative to the Yangtze Service Medal.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to cause the Yangtze Medals to be prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia, at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

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June 26, 1932.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 24th, inclosing a copy of a note received by you from the Honduran Minister in this Capital, expressing the desire of the Government of Honduras that certain coinage be executed at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The following is submitted to cover the preparation of this coinage:

Number of Pieces	Denomination	Fineness	Fine Oz.Silver	Coinage Charge per M Pieces
300,000	1 Lempira	900 fine sil.	108,506.25	$ 7.50
600,000	50 Centavos	900 fine sil.	108,506.25	6.50
500,000	20 Centavos	900 fine sil.	36,168.75	4.50
1,400,000			253,181.25	

Attention is invited to the fact that while the letter of the Honduran Minister, dated June 17, calls for the preparation of 400,000 Lempira fifty cent pieces, the quotation above is on 600,000 pieces. This includes the preparation of 200,000 pieces requested by the Honduran Minister under date of May 9.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to cause the Philadelphia Mint to proceed with the preparation of this coinage as soon as possible after July 1st.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 29, 1932.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 21st, relative to the manufacture of the Yangtze service medals, and ribbons for them.

It is noted that the request contained in your letter of August 29, 1931, covered the manufacture of 2,300 medals and that you now desire to have 5,000 of these medals manufactured.

The Director of the Mint has today been instructed to comply with your request and the necessary directions have been forwarded by him to the Mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

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July 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended June 30th, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 6, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,793,816,519
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - -	304,828,375
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,492,920
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,765,095,949

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 7, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with your circular letter of June 10th, there is submitted herewith, on the form provided for that purpose, an inventory of unexpendable property on hand in this Bureau as of June 30, 1932.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Hugh T. Rippeto, skilled workman at $2,000 per annum, United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, be designated Chief Clerk and Skilled Workman. The reason for this is as follows:

The Assay Office at Salt Lake has but two employees. The Assayer in Charge is absent on account of illness. Mr. Rippeto has no authority to sign checks.

Under the law, in case of temporary absence of a superintendent or assayer in charge, the chief clerk shall act in his place. In order to permit Mr. Rippeto to sign checks it will be necessary that he receive the designation as above; Chief Clerk and Skilled Workman.

There will be no change in compensation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The following presidential officers of the Mint Service will retire on July 31, 1932, the retirement age having been reached by them and the extension granted by the President limiting their retention in office to that date:

Mr. Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint at New Orleans, compensation $3,200 per annum.

Mr. John L. May, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, compensation $2,300 per annum.

Mr. William L. Hill, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office at Helena, compensation $2,300 per annum.

It is recommended that the names of the following men be considered for nomination to these positions:

Mr. Cecil T. Gray, Assistant Assayer, U. S. Mint, New Orleans.

Mr. Hugh T. Rippeto, Skilled Workman, U. S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City.

Mr. W. H. Wright, Assistant Assayer, U. S. Assay office, Helena.

It is absolutely essential that the Assayers in Charge be technical men capable of assaying and melting the precious metals.

Payment for bullion is based on the result of their assays and in order to protect the Government from loss by excessive payments due to incorrect assaying, it is obviously important that the men holding the position of Assayer in Charge, be practical assayers having experience in actually determining the value of gold and silver.

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It is further necessary that the men holding these positions have a knowledge of practice in accounting methods employed by the Treasury Department in the purchase and handling of bullion, equipment and supplies.

The men recommended for nomination are now in the Service and have had experience enough to make them fully capable of undertaking the work of the position of Assayer in Charge.

If the men above named are transferred to the position of Assayer in Charge, it will be necessary to fill their places, vacated by promotion, by appointing technical men from the Civil Service list.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There are transmitted herewith application for annuity executed by Joseph DeMarco, William S. Harlan, David W. Morgan, and William A. L. Shropshire.

The Retirement Record Card covering the personnel record and the retirement deductions of the above named employees are also transmitted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the Applications for Annuity of the following employees, who were retired on June 30th, 1932, in accordance with the Economy Bill:

Michael J. Brickley
James Ryan
Thomas H. Wheeler
Thomas F. Hannon
John M. Hollingsworth
James X. Kelley
Harry J. Kinney

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1932, is given below:

Gold -	$1,793,797,820
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,135
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - -	304,882,759
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,492,920
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,765,131,634

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 18, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I regret to state that Hon. John L. May, Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, died on the morning of July 16th.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 20, 1932.

Memorandum for the Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Referring to our conversation of this morning relative to the proposed exhibit to be made by the Mint Service at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933, the following is submitted:

The estimated cost of maintaining the mint exhibit for a period of not more than six months would be approximately $7,500. This estimate is based on exhibiting the least possible amount of machinery to make any kind of an exhibit and upon the most conservative charges for salaries and subsistence of employees.

As the coin press proposed to be set up would have to be kept in operation, it is obvious that the cost of a live exhibit of this kind is more expensive than a mere display of still machinery.

The force of employees in the Mint Service has been cut so drastically that it would be embarrassing to spare the type of men required to care for and operate the exhibit at Chicago.

As it is understood that the appropriation for the Treasury is but $16,000 and that the mint exhibit at the lowest possible estimate would take practically half of that, it is recommended that the Mint Service be omitted from the activities to be represented.

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 23, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request a blank form of bond in the sum of $20,000, be prepared for execution by Mr. Cecil T. Gray, as Assayer in Charge, United States Mint, New Orleans, La.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 23, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request a blank form of bond in the sum of $20,000, be prepared for execution by Mr. Winthrop H. Wright, as Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 23, 1932.

The Honorable, The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Lewton A. Bunyon be appointed Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, at $2,000 per annum.

The nomination of Mr. Bunyon to this position has the approval of Senator Smoot.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 23, 1932.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There are transmitted applications for annuity executed by Mr. William N. Dardis and Mr. John J. Ryan, together with their personnel Retirement Record Cards.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inclosures.

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July 29, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that I be permitted to change my letter of July 23rd, and to recommend that Mr. Newton A. Dunyon be appointed Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, at $2,000 per annum. The nomination of Mr. Dunyon has the approval of Senator Smoot.

Our letter of July 23rd was erroneous in that the name of Mr. Dunyon was incorrectly spelled.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 27, 1932.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledged the receipt of your letter of July 22, 1932, relative to a request from the Panamanian Legation for the manufacture of coins for the Government of Panama at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The following estimate of the cost of coinage together with the silver bullion, nickel and copper required, is submitted:

COINAGE COSTS

50,000	1/10 Balboa	(900 fine silver)	- $3.00 per M pieces
80,000	1/4 Balboa	(900 fine silver)	- 4.50 " " "
240,000	5 Centesimos	(75% cu. 25% ni.)	- 3.50 " " "

METAL REQUIRED

Number of Pieces	Denomination	Fineness	Fine Oz. Silver	Avoirdupois Lbs. Nickel	Avoirdupois Lbs. Copper
50,000	1/10 Balboa	900 silver	3,616.88		
80,000	1/4 Balboa	900 silver	14,467.50		
240,000	5 Centesimos	75% cu., 25% ni.		661.3714	1,984.1143
			18,084.38	661.3714	1,984.1143

These prices include copper for alloy purposes, and working dies, assuming that the designs of the coins are the same as the master dies and hubs now in the possession of the Mint, but they do not include silver bullion, nickel and copper required additional to the silver, nickel and copper content of the coins which will be sent here for melting and use in this coinage; nor do they include the cost of cases required to pack the coins for shipment. There will also be an additional charge of $1.00 per 1,000 ounces for melting the old coins for recoinage.

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It is understood that in view of the fact that this small additional coinage is of the same nature as that authorized in 1930 and 1931 and will be put into circulation under the provisions of the existing Monetary Agreement, your Department perceives no objection, as a matter of policy, to compliance with the request of the Government of Panama.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended July 31st, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M M-O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that Honorable Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans, retired from the Mint Service at the close of business July 31, 1932.

Mr. Magruder was superseded by Mr. Cecil Gray.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that Honorable William L. Hill, Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, retired from the Mint Service at the close of business July 31, 1932.

Mr. Hill was superseded by Mr. Winthrop H. Wright.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1932.

The Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 1, inclosing a copy of a letter from the Attorney General of the United States calling attention to "An Act to Prohibit the Misuse of Official Insignia".

The Bureau of the Mint uses the travel identification card which it is understood is in common use in all departments, and therefore not singular to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 5, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,807,302,758
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,958,155
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - -	306,032,626
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,492,920
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$2,779,786,439

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 3, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted an Application for Refund executed by Mr. Daniel J. Sullivan, former Watchman at the United States Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

The Retirement Record Card covering the service of Mr. Sullivan, is also transmitted.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

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August 3, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted an Application for Annuity executed by Mr. Richard C. Waters, formerly employed as a Skilled Workman at the Denver Mint. Mr. Waters' Retirement Record Card is also being forwarded.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

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August 3, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am inclosing the Oath and Personal History of Mr. Cecil T. Gray, Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans, La.

Respectfully,

D. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

August 4, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29th, 1932, transmitting a copy of a note dated July 26th, received from the Honduran Minister at this Capital, requesting the manufacture of 300,000 silver one Lempira pieces for the Government of Honduras.

The cost of manufacturing the additional 300,000 silver one Lempira pieces for the Government of Honduras will be $7.50 per thousand, which includes working dies but does not include the cost of containers for packing for shipment.

It will require 108,506.25 fine ounces of silver to coin these pieces. It is understood that the silver required for these coins will be furnished by the National City Bank of New York, and that that institution will act as agent for the Government of Honduras in receiving and making payment for the coins at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 5, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted the Application for Annuity executed by Mr. Richard N. Brooks, former clerk at the San Francisco Mint.

Mr. Brooks' Retirement Record Card is also transmitted.

Respectfully,

N. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the title of Florence E. Leonard, now clerk in the United States Mint at New Orleans, be changed to that of Chief Clerk.

This request is without change of duties or compensation and is being made for the reason that it is necessary under a decision of the Solicitor of the Treasury to have the title of Chief Clerk given to persons in the Mint Service institutions who are authorized to sign checks in the temporary absence of the Superintendent or Assayer in Charge.

Respectfully,

R. L. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 12, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the title of Mr. Charles S. Parcell, now clerk at the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, be changed to that of Chief Clerk.

This request is without change of duties or compensation and is being made for the reason that it is necessary, under a decision of the Solicitor of the Treasury, to have the title of "Chief Clerk" given to persons in the Mint Service institutions who are authorized to sign checks in the temporary absence of the Superintendent or Assayer in Charge.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 15, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of July 27th, I am inclosing the form prepared by a representative of the Public Buildings Commission relative to space occupied by files in the Treasury Department.

It is estimated that the files which could be destroyed occupy approximately 110 square feet and that inactive files to be placed in a storage building occupy approximately 300 square feet.

Respectfully,

M. M. Roberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is requested that the balance of advanced funds standing to the credit of John L. May, deceased, disbursing symbol 15,098, be repaid into the General Fund of the Treasury as follows:

Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1932, symbol 22,510 - - -	$117.00
Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1933, symbol 23,510 - - -	455.73
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	572.73

Respectfully,

H. M. Shea

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 17th, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being transmitted the Application of Annuity executed by Mr. Leonard Magruder, former Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint.

The Retirement Record Card pertaining to Mr. Magruder's service record is also transmitted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosures.

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August 18, 1952.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1952, is given below:

Gold -	$1,807,327,932
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,957,885
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - -	305,891,871
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,471,002
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,779,648,690

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 19, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am forwarding the official bond of Newton A. Dunyon as Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, with the request that the same be examined and approved.

Respectfully,

M. W. Olsen,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 20, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being transmitted the Application of Annuity executed by Mr. James P. Sullivan, former Melter in the United States Mint, New Orleans, La. Mr. Sullivan's Retirement Record Card is also being forwarded.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the title of Mr. Charles W. Harkison, Assistant Assayer at the United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, be changed to that of Chief Clerk, without change of duties or compensation.

This recommendation is being made for the reason that it is necessary, under a decision of the Solicitor of the Treasury, to have the title of "Chief Clerk" given to persons in the Mint Service institutions who are authorized to sign checks in the temporary absence of the Superintendent or Assayer in Charge.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the title of Mr. Fred J. Allen, Assistant Assayer at the United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada, be changed to that of Chief Clerk, without change of duties or compensation.

This recommendation is being made for the reason that it is necessary, under a decision of the Solicitor of the Treasury, to have the title of "Chief Clerk" given to persons in the Mint Service institutions who are authorized to sign checks in the temporary absence of the Superintendent or Assayer in Charge.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The position of Assistant Assayer at the United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana, has been made vacant by the appointment of Mr. Wright to the position of Assayer in Charge.

I have the honor to request that a Civil Service list be obtained from which selection may be made to fill the vacancy of Assistant Assayer at the Helena Assay Office, at $2,000 per annum.

The filling of this position was approved by the President under date of August 18th, position number 664.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.
JR

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August 22, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The position of Assistant Assayer at the United States Mint, New Orleans, Louisiana, has been made vacant by the appointment of Mr. Gray to the position of Assayer in Charge.

I have the honor to request that a Civil Service list be obtained from which selection may be made to fill the vacancy of Assistant Assayer at the New Orleans Mint, at $2,000 per annum.

The filling of this position was approved by the President under date of August 18th, position number 665.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1932.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 20th, referring to your letter of May 3, 1932, and previous correspondence, in regard to the desire of the Chinese Government to have certain dies made at the Mint in Philadelphia, and inclosing a note of August 17, 1932, from the Charge d'Affaires of China, requesting that one impression each of the six dies be struck and sent to China.

I am inclosing an impression of the dies as asked for and have to request that they be forwarded through your Department to the Chinese Legation, Washington.

The cost of the silver content of the silver pieces will be charged against the fund which was deposited at the Mint in Philadelphia to cover the cost of dies and other charges. A statement of all these charges will be submitted to the Chinese Government as soon as the dies now on order have been completed.

Respectfully,

A. A. Ballantine

Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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August 27, 1938.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted the Retirement Record Card pertaining to the service record of Mr. John L. May, late Assayer in Charge at the Assay Office at Salt Lake City.

There are also being forwarded the Application for Payment of Accumulated Deductions and a copy of the Death Certificate in support of such claim.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted the Retirement Record Card pertaining to the service record of Mr. Edwin G. Smith, former employee at the Denver Mint.

Mr. Smith's Application for Annuity is also being forwarded.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the temporary appointment of Mr. Alfred Lippman, as Assistant Assayer, United States Mint, New Orleans, at $2,000 per annum, pending the certification of an eligible from the Civil Service register.

The District Secretary in New Orleans reports that he has no one on an eligible list.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the temporary appointment of Mr. Alfred Lippman, as Assistant Assayer, United States Mint, New Orleans, at $2,000 per annum, pending the certification of an eligible from the Civil Service register.

The District Secretary in New Orleans reports that he has no one on an eligible list.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

APPROVED AUG 30 1932
Jane Wingle
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

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September 2, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter received today from the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, relative to Mrs. Margaret A. Williams, an employee in that institution.

It is recommended that Mrs. Williams be suspended until October 1, 1932, because of conduct subversive to the discipline of that institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 8, 1932.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 1, 1932, in reference to our letter of December 10, 1931, with regard to the coinage dies on hand at the Mints in Philadelphia and San Francisco, which were used for the manufacture of coins for the French Colony of Indo-China, in 1921.

In accordance with your letter, the Director of the Mint has been requested to instruct the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, and the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, to destroy the dies in the presence of Consuls of France, at Philadelphia and San Francisco, whenever it is found convenient for the respective Consuls to call at the Philadelphia Mint and the San Francisco Mint for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of August 31st, relative to the manufacture of coins for the Government of Panama, at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The coins enumerated in the letter of the Panamanian Minister have reached the Mint at Philadelphia and check with the list.

As soon as these old coins are melted and their silver and nickel content determined by the Mint, this Department will advise you of the additional silver, nickel and copper required, if any, to make the coins desired by the Government of Panama.

Will you be kind enough to obtain for this Department the name of the agent of the Government of Panama who should be billed for the bullion and metal, if any additional is required, for this coinage, and for the cost of packing in connection with this coinage.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 7, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,813,591,588
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,911
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - -	306,370,175
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,503,326
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,786,472,800

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Reference is made to your memoranda of May 16, 1931, directing the adoption of the recommended changes in mint accounting practices and reconciliations of certain accounting practices between the mint and the Treasurer's office outlined in our joint report to you under date of April 15, 1931, which it was expected could be effected not later than the beginning of the current fiscal year.

To put these changes into effect, however, would necessitate an immediate outlay of approximately $3,900 at the mint field offices to cover the new ledgers and wide carriage computing typewriters required and other necessary expenditures, and you may wish, in order to avoid this expense, to defer making the changes recommended at this time of strict economy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W. H. Woodin

Treasurer of the United States.

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September 7, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being forwarded the Application for Annuity executed by Mr. William L. Hill, former Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana.

Form 2806 pertaining to Mr. Hill's retirement record is also being transmitted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1952.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being forwarded the Oath of Office executed by Mr. Alfred Lippman, Jr., as temporary Assistant Assayer at the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., at $2,000 per annum.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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The Comptroller General

of the United States.

Sir:

Section 203 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (Economy Act), provides that no appropriation available to any executive department or independent establishment or to the municipal Government of the District of Columbia, during the fiscal year 1933, shall be used to pay the compensation of an incumbent, with certain exceptions, appointed to any civil position under the United States Government or the municipal Government of the District of Columbia, which is vacant on July 1, 1932, and that the appropriations or portions of appropriations unexpended by the operation of that section shall not be used for any other purposes, but shall be impounded and returned to the Treasury.

The procedure prescribed by Comptroller General's decisions A-42691, A-43276, of July 12, 1932, whereby a full year's compensation must be impounded for positions vacant July 1, 1932, apparently was premised on the assumption that Congress appropriated a full year's compensation for all such positions. This also seems to be a factor in decision of the same number, dated August 2, 1932, wherein it is stated that there may be instances where a position has been vacant for so long a time prior to July 1, 1932, that it must be presumed the appropriations for the fiscal year 1933 were estimated for on the basis of a lower rate than that previously paid the last incumbent.

There are a number of instances in the Treasury Department where appropriations provided for activities consisting entirely or largely of personal services are materially lower than the estimates included in the budget for 1933. In many such cases the practical effect is that of abolishing previously existing positions. In cases of the character under consideration a reasonable and fair interpretation would appear to be that the Congress, convinced that the Economy Act's retirement provisions

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and limitations on appointments would have the effect of abolishing previously existing positions, withheld (did not appropriate) funds therefor, rather than that it appropriated full year's compensation for the positions thus abolished in order that such amounts might be impounded, while appropriating only part of a year's compensation for other positions. Since no funds were provided by Congress for such abolished positions there can be no unexpended balance due to the operation of the Statute. Hence it would appear that there are no moneys to impound on account of such positions.

As an illustration, the amount included in the Budget for 1933, "Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices," was $1,459,780, of which $1,135,560 (net) was for personnel. The appropriation provided by Congress for this purpose was $1,339,670, involving a reduction of $120,110. Since this appropriation is mainly for personal services, a large part of the reduction must be applied to personnel, resulting in the abolition of previously existing positions. The Mint Service estimate for 1933 provided for no increase in personnel, but rather for a reduction of fourteen positions and the maintenance of the other previously existing positions (see page 530, Budget for 1933). It is therefore evident that the reduction of $120,110, which had not been allocated by Congress to specific objects of expenditure, by heretofore commonly accepted interpretation, had the effect of abolishing some of the positions previously estimated for. It is only reasonable to assume that the positions thus abolished include those of incumbents retired immediately under the terms of the Economy Act and those, if any, which had previously become vacant and remained vacant on July 1, 1932, particularly in view of the fact that the aggregate amount involved in those retirements and vacancies is substantially less than the reduction made by Congress in the amount of the estimate.

An early expression of your views in this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 7, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended August 31st, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 8, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being transmitted the Oath of Office executed by Mr. Newton A. Dunyon, Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 10, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Please be advised that the salary of the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, at Helena, Mont., is $2,300 per annum, and $300 in kind (quarters).

This information is being sent you for the purpose of completing your records.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 10, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Please be advised that the salary of the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, at Salt Lake City, Utah, is $2,000 per annum.

This information is being sent you for the purpose of completing your records.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 10, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Please be advised that the salary of the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint, at New Orleans, La., is $3,200 per annum.

This information is being sent you for the purpose of completing your records.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 13, 1932.

Memorandum for the Secretary:

I have the honor to submit, for approval, a proposed revision of the "Table of Charges", used by the Mints and Assay Offices. The changes submitted are in the interest of precision and rates are adjusted to more nearly conform to present conditions. The changes are in the interest of the Government and are such as will occasion no dissatisfaction on the part of the patrons of the offices.

Section 1. MELTING CHARGE:

The word "unmutilated" has been inserted to discriminate against stamped bars returned which have been chipped or clipped.

For silver free from gold "999 thousandths" has been substituted for 998 thousandths. Practically no requests are received for silver bars of a fineness of 998 thousandths. The Mint institutions, and all smelters as a general practice, turn out 999 thousandths silver as their regular commercial bars, and the trade does not want silver of a lower fineness.

CLASS B. Silver bullion free from gold. (page 3)

When silver of a fineness of 998 thousandths is deposited, payment is made in bars of a higher fineness. Mint silver bars are 999 thousandths to 999$\frac{8}{4}$ thousandths fine. The change in this table brings it into conformity with the change recommended in section 1.

Section 5. ALLOY CHARGES:

The charge for copper for alloy has been reduced from 1$\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce, which is equivalent to 18 cents per pound, to 1 cent per ounce. The market price of copper is approximately 6 cents per pound. The rate of 1$\frac{1}{2}$ cents is obviously too high.

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A sentence has been added to cover a situation which frequently arises when bars previously deposited for receiving the Government assay and stamp, and upon which no alloy charge has been collected, are later returned for deposit. This revision will permit us to collect the alloy charge on such bars.

Section 5. BAR CHARGES:

The charge of 7 cents per $100 in value when fine gold bullion 992 thousandths or higher fineness is deposited in exchange for Government stamped bars and when payment is requested without specifying size or fineness of bars, is excessive. It is recommended that this charge be reduced to 5 cents per $100 in value.

CHARGES ON GOLD BARS SOLD. (page 4)

The fineness has been changed from 900 thousandths to 899 thousandths which is the legal tolerance.

Other changes in this paragraph are merely for the purpose of clearing it.

Section 8. ASSAYS OF PLATED AND FILLED GOODS, etc.

The charges on silver assays have been raised from $3 to $4, and on gold and silver in the same sample to $6. This class of work frequently requires stripping, dissolving and titrating chemically, and for this reason the present charges are not sufficient to cover the cost to the Government of doing this work.

Section 11. ASSAYS OF PLATINUM GROUP METALS.

The changes recommended in this paragraph are for the purpose of limiting the particular metals in the platinum group which it is practicable for the Assay Office at New York to handle.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 14, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted Form 375, executed by Mr. Hugh Rippeto, Chief Clerk and Skilled Workman at the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah.

It is requested that this form be forwarded to the United States Civil Service Commission.

Respectfully,

H. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

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September 14, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There are transmitted the Personal History, Form No. 6, of Mr. Alfred Lippman, Jr., Temporary Assistant Assayer at the Mint in New Orleans, and Affidavit as to Marital Status executed by Mr. Lippman.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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September 15, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,815,576,866
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,911
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	306,451,927
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,503,326
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,786,540,150

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 15, 1932.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 13th, and have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to forward a copy of the "Report of the Director of the Mint for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1931", to the Central Institute of Statistics, Rome, Italy.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 19, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is requested that the amount standing to the checking credit of Hugh T. Rippeto, Acting Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, in regular and special deposit account, $721.46, be transferred to Newton A. Dunyon, checking symbol No. 15,120, who succeeded Mr. Rippeto as of September 1, 1932.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 19, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The revised estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,793,828,454
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,911
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	304,882,996
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,493,326
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,765,212,687

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant.
Director of the Mint.

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September 19, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being transmitted Form 124, "Declaration of Appointee", executed by Mr. Alfred Lippman, Jr., who is temporary Assistant Assayer at the United States Mint in New Orleans, La.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

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September 21, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit forms relative to the retention of Mr. Cornelius T. Finehout of the United States Assay Office at New York City.

Mr. Finehout is Foreman of the Refinery Make-up Room at the New York Assay Office and will reach retirement age on November 15, 1932. It would be a serious loss to the Assay Office, and especially to the Melting and Refinery Department, as well as detrimental to the interest of the Government, if we are compelled to retire Mr. Finehout.

Mr. Finehout entered the Government Service July 1st, 1904 and for 27 years has been employed in the Refinery Make-up Room; for the past 20 years he has been foreman of this Department, and has become expert in the metallurgical processes peculiar to the Mint Service.

The Assay Office at New York has on hand over 15,000,000 ounces of unrefined metal and this stock is continuously being augmented by fresh deposits. Mr. Finehout is the only man in the institution at present thoroughly familiar with this stock of unrefined metal and his understudy is not sufficiently trained at this time to take over this work.

Mr. Finehout's services are obviously essential and it is recommended that we be permitted to retain him on the rolls of the Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 22, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being transmitted the resignation of Mr. John Albert Dodson, who was temporarily employed as Watchman at the United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

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September 22, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being transmitted the Oath of Office executed by Mr. Philip P. Guerrera, recently appointed Watchman at the United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1932.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 17, 1932, inclosing a note from the Honduran Minister requesting the execution of certain coinage at the Mint in Philadelphia.

The following estimate on the coins, as enumerated in the note referred to, is submitted:

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Composition	Cost Per M. Pieces
100,000	1 Lempira	900 fine silver	$ 7.50
500,000	50 Centavos	900 fine silver	6.50
250,000	20 Centavos	900 fine silver	4.50
500,000	10 Centavos	75% Cu., 25% Ni.	4.50
1,000,000	5 Centavos	75% Cu., 25% Ni.	3.50

The above prices for silver coins include copper for alloy, and working dies. The prices on nickel coins include working dies, but do not include the copper and nickel required. Shipping boxes for all coins will be extra.

In addition to these charges, there will be a melting charge of $1.00 for the first 1,000 ounces, and 10 cents additional for each 100 ounces or fraction thereof in excess of 1,000 ounces, on uncurrent coin sent to the Mint for recoinage.

Metal Required

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Fine Oz. Silver	Avoirdupois Pounds Copper	Avoirdupois Pounds Nickel
100,000	1 Lempira	56,168.75		
500,000	50 Centavos	90,421.88		
250,000	20 Centavos	18,084.37		
500,000	10 Centavos		5,787.0000	1,929.0000
1,000,000	5 Centavos		8,267.1428	2,755.7143
		144,675.00	14,054.1428	4,684.7143

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It is noted in the note of the Honduran Minister, that he states the weight, diameter and fineness of the coins must be, within their respective denominations, the same as those previously ordered.

The Honduran Minister also states that the silver necessary for these new coins will be supplied by the National City Bank of New York, and that that Bank will cover all expenses which the work may involve. No reference is made to the nickel and copper which will be required in the coinage of the 5 and 10 centavos coins, and it is requested that this Department be advised as to whether the Director of the Mint should call upon the National City Bank to supply the nickel and copper.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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September 24, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 14th, inclosing circular letter No. 81, of the Chief Coordinator, relative to towel service in the field services, I beg to state that the towel service is not mentioned in the Mint Service appropriation. We use either towel service or laundering service, whichever is found most desirable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 24, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointment.

Sir:

There are transmitted Civil Service Forms 124 and 375, executed by Mr. Guy H. Richardson, temporary Assistant Assayer at the Helena Assay Office.

It is requested that these forms be forwarded to the Civil Service Commission in order that Mr. Richardson may be granted an extension of service at the expiration of his thirty day appointment.

Mr. Richardson's present temporary appointment will expire October 11, 1932.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosures.

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Sept. 27, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Bookkeeping & Warrants Division.

Sir:

I have to request that the checking balance standing to the credit of W. L. Hill, formerly Assayer in Charge of the Helena Assay Office, at the time of his retirement July 31, 1932, be transferred to his successor, W. H. Wright, in his regular disbursing account, symbol 15119; amount $507.91.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1932.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am inclosing a letter referred to this Department by the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, addressed to that officer by the Consul for Spain at Philadelphia, in which the Consul states that a Commissioner from the Spanish Government Mint is about to arrive in Philadelphia in order to visit the Mint.

Parts of the Mint at Philadelphia are open to all visitors. Will you please advise this Department if it is your wish to have special courtesies extended to the Commissioner from the Spanish Government Mint in the event of his calling at that institution. This Department will then take pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to have all departments of the Mint at Philadelphia shown to the Commissioner.

Very truly yours,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

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September 28, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 27th, forwarding a copy of communication dated September 22, 1932, from Colonel W. B. Causey, Assistant Commissioner of "A Century of Progress", relative to the proposed use of motion pictures at that exposition.

This Bureau would not be interested in the proposal to have moving pictures of the mint operations, and further, we have no appropriation which could be used to cover the cost of such a project.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 29, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of September 20, the following names are submitted for the social list of the White House:

Hon. Robert J. Grant - - - - - Wardman Park
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dunham - " "

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TABLE OF CHARGES

at the

MINTS AND ASSAY OFFICES OF THE UNITED STATES

As fixed by the Director of the Mint and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, September 3[illegible], 1932.

To take effect November 1, 1932.

1. MELTING CHARGE:

On each deposit of bullion a melting charge of $1 shall be imposed for the first 1,000 ounces or fraction thereof, and 10 cents additional for each 100 ounces or fraction thereof in excess of 1,000 ounces, computed on the after-melting weight: Provided, That no melting charge shall be imposed on deposits consisting of uncurrent United States coin or unmutilated stamped U. S. mint bars; or on silver bullion free from gold, of the fineness of 999 thousandths or over, when a satisfactory assay can be obtained without previous melting.

When the melting loss exceeds 25 per cent, an additional charge of $1 for each deposit shall be imposed when the deposit weighs 150 ounces or less; on deposits weighing over 150 ounces the charge shall be in accordance with the extra expense of the melting operations.

On each deposit containing 25 per cent or more of white gold alloys an extra melting charge of $1 for every 100 ounces or fraction thereof shall be imposed.

2. TOUGHENING CHARGE:

Deposits which fail to give concordant assays shall, at the discretion of the officer in charge, be subject to an additional charge equal to the cost to the Government for fuel, labor, and materials used in remelting and treatment by the deposit melter. Impure deposits which fail to give concordant assays on dip samples from the second melting shall be returned to the depositor and the expenses incurred in treatment collected.

3. WITHDRAWAL AND REJECTION OF DEPOSITS:

Deposits may be withdrawn by depositors at any time before payment is tendered for same, and thereafter at the option of the officer in charge of the mint or assay office, subject to payment in cash of such charges for melting, etc., as have been incurred up to the time of withdrawal. Rejected deposits (all those containing 800 thousandths or more of base metals must be rejected) are subject to payment in cash of such charges as have been incurred up to time of rejection.

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4. PARTING AND REFINING CHARGE (rate per gross ounce or fraction):

CLASS A.-- Bullion containing gold and silver

Base content (thousandths)	Gold content (thousandths)		
	$\frac{1}{4}$ to 250	250$\frac{1}{4}$ to 500	500$\frac{1}{4}$ to 949$\frac{3}{4}$
	Cents	Cents	Cents
Up to 50	1	2	4
Over 50 to 150	1$\frac{1}{2}$	2$\frac{1}{2}$	4$\frac{1}{2}$
Over 150 to 250	2$\frac{1}{2}$	3$\frac{1}{2}$	5$\frac{1}{2}$
Over 250 to 350	3$\frac{1}{2}$	4$\frac{1}{2}$	6$\frac{1}{2}$
Over 350 to 450	4$\frac{1}{2}$	5$\frac{1}{2}$	7$\frac{1}{2}$
Over 450 to 550	5$\frac{1}{2}$	6$\frac{1}{2}$	8$\frac{1}{2}$
Over 550 to 650	6$\frac{1}{2}$	7$\frac{1}{2}$	--------
Over 650 to 750	7$\frac{1}{2}$	8$\frac{1}{2}$	--------
Over 750 to 799$\frac{3}{4}$	8$\frac{1}{2}$	--------	--------
Base content not considered	Gold content 950 to 991$\frac{3}{4}$		2 cents
Base content not considered	Gold content 992 and over		0 cent

CLASS B.-- Silver bullion free from gold

Silver content	Charge
	Cents
600 thousandths or less	4
600$\frac{1}{2}$ to 700 thousandths	3
700$\frac{1}{2}$ to 850 thousandths	2
850$\frac{1}{2}$ to 950 thousandths	1
950$\frac{1}{2}$ to 998$\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths	$\frac{1}{2}$
999 thousandths or over	0

CLASS C.-- Miscellaneous

Upon gold bullion below 992 thousandths fine and silver bullion below 998 thousandths fine, having but one precious metal present and having base content which is suitable for coinage alloy, including foreign coin and domestic mutilated or uncurrent coin, a refining charge will be imposed only when payment is demanded in fine bars, viz:

Silver deposited for fine silver bars $0.005
Gold deposited for fine gold bars ..... .01

When bullion contains less than one-fourth thousandths of gold and less than 8 thousandths of silver the gold or silver content shall not be reported for the benefit of the depositor.

Gold coin containing 8 thousandths or over of silver acquires the status of bullion and is subject to appropriate charge for refining.

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5. ALLOY CHARGES:

One cent per ounce for the copper required for alloy, to be determined by taking one-tenth of the fine weight of gold, except when the base in the deposit is suitable for alloy purposes, and the gold fineness 0.899 (standard, tolerance considered) or higher, in which case the alloy shall be determined by taking the amount of copper required to make the bullion of standard fineness.

No alloy charge shall be imposed on deposits consisting of stamped U. S. mint bars, unless known to consist of bars previously deposited for receiving the Government assay and stamp under paragraph 10 hereof.

6. BAR CHARGES:

Charges on gold bars issued in exchange for gold bullion.

When payment in gold bars is requested without specification as to size no bar charge will be imposed; except that when fine gold bullion of 0.992 or higher fineness is deposited in exchange for Government-stamped bars, a bar charge of $0.05 per $100 value of bars issued will be made; and with the further exception that when fineness of 999.9 is requested a charge of $0.09 per $100 value of bars issued will be made.

When special size bars are requested the bar charges will be:

Bar sizes	Rates per $100 value
$1,000 to $500 in value	$0.06
Less than $500 in value	.07
$300 or less in value, when total value of bars issued on a deposit exceeds $1,000	.08

Charges on silver bars issued in exchange for silver bullion.

Items	Rates per ounce gross
Bars of standard silver	½ cent
Bars of fine silver, not less than 500 ounces	1/10 cent
Bars of fine silver, between 125 ounces and 500 ounces	1/8 cent
Bars of fine silver, 125 ounces or less	1/4 cent

Silver bars may not be sold except upon special authorization.

Charges on gold bars sold.

Gold bars may be sold only in lots of not less than $5,000 and only when of standard fineness (0.899, tolerance considered) or above; payment to be in gold coin or gold certificates.

No charge will be imposed on any gold bars of a fineness below 999 thousandths when particular sizes or finenesses are not requested.

The following charges will be made on any bars of fineness of 999 thousandths or above, for bars of particular fineness, when requested, and for any bars of any fineness when requested in particular sizes.

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Fineness (thousandths)	Bar sizes	Rates per $100 value
999 and above, but below 999.9; also below 999 when particular sizes or finenesses requested.	Large- $5,000 in value and over ...	$0.05
	Medium-less than $5,000 to $200 varied sizes	.06
	Small- less than $500, varied sizes	.07
	Special- $500 to $200, in lots	.08
999.9	($5,000 in value and over	.08
	(Less than $5,000	.09

7. ASSAYS OF GOLD OR SILVER BULLION OR JEWELRY FREE FROM PLATINUM GROUP METALS:

	Charge
Gold	$ 3.00
Silver	3.00
Gold and silver (same sample)	4.00

An extra charge of $1 for each assay of gold or silver will be imposed when the sample contains any of the platinum group metals.

8. ASSAYS OF PLATED AND FILLED GOODS AND WHITE GOLD FREE FROM PLATINUM GROUP METALS:

	Charge
Gold	$ 4.00
Silver	4.00
Gold and silver (same sample)	6.00

An extra charge of $1 for each assay of gold or silver will be imposed when the sample contains any of the platinum group metals.

9. ASSAYS OF ORES:

Assays of ores will be made at the United States assay offices at Boise, Idaho; Helena, Mont.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Seattle, Wash.; and at the United States mints at Carson City, Nev.; and New Orleans, La. The charge for each metal determined will be:

	Charge
Gold	$ 1.00
Silver	1.00
Lead	1.50
Zinc	2.00
Copper	2.00

10. ASSAYING AND STAMPING CHARGES:

On bullion deposited for the purpose of receiving the Government assay and stamp the melting and assay charges above specified shall be imposed.

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11. ASSAYS OF PLATINUM GROUP METALS:

Assays of platinum, palladium and iridium metals, except in samples of ores, slags or mattes, may be made at the assay office at New York, N. Y., when authorized by the Director of the Mint, the charges imposed therefor by the superintendent of the institution shall be equal to the cost to the Government for labor, materials, and other expenses incident thereto.

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

Approved: SEP 3 0 1932

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 3, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

Jn. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 3, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended September 30, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1952.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of September 30, 1952, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,824,404,542
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,911
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - -	306,455,542
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,513,326
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,797,381,121

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to request that the balance of $964.50 standing to the checking credit of Leonard Magruder, former assayer in charge of the New Orleans Mint, at the time of his retirement August 31, 1932, be transferred to the checking credit of his successor, Cecil T. Gray, in his regular desbursing account, symbold 15116.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted the Application for Annuity executed by Francis P. J. McGurgan, former employee in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Mr. McGurgan's Retirement Record Card is also being forwarded.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted the Application for Annuity executed by Martha M. Myers, former employee of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Mrs. Myers' Retirement Record Card is also being forwarded.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

It is requested that the necessary steps be taken to effect the transfer of Mr. Guy H. Richardson, from the Department of the Interior to the position of Assistant Assayer, United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana, at $2,000 per annum.

It is understood that Mr. Richardson is eligible for this permanent appointment. Mr. Richardson is now on furlough from the Department of the Interior and is serving as Assistant Assayer at the Helena Assay Office, under a temporary appointment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 11, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The Oath of Office executed by Florence E. Leonard, covering her change in designation from "Clerk", to "Chief Clerk", at the New Orleans Mint, is being transmitted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 11, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted the Application for Annuity executed by Mr. George M. Hill, who was retired from the Mint at Denver at the close of business September 30th.

The Retirement Record Card pertaining to Mr. Hill's services is also transmitted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosures.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 1st, inclosing a translation of a note received from the Minister of Panama in which he supplies certain details and information in connection with the coining of money for his Government.

I have the honor to submit the following statement giving detailed information relative to this coinage and the progress made on the orders already undertaken at the Mint in Philadelphia. It is understood that the total number of pieces of each denomination desired is as follows:

Silver Coins

B 31,500 in 1/2 Balboas - 63,000 pieces
B 31,500 in 1/4 Balboas -126,000 pieces
B 15,000 in 1/10 Balboas -150,000 pieces

Minor Coins

B 16,640 in 5 Centesimos-332,800 pieces

Below is a statement of the total number of coins requested, the number coined and held for shipping directions, and the additional number of pieces to be coined; also metal required for the additional coinage:

	Total pieces requested in letter dated 9/22/32	Pieces coined in accordance with authority dated 9/1/32.	Pieces requested in letter of 9/22/32 in excess of pieces coined in accordance with authority of 9/1/32.
Silver 1/2 Balboa	63,000	- - - -	63,000
Silver 1/4 Balboa	126,000	80,000	46,000
Silver 1/10 Balboa	150,000	50,000	100,000
Nickel 5 Centesimos	332,800	240,000	92,800

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Metal Required for Additional Coinage

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Fineness	Fine Oz. Silver	Avoirdupois Pounds Copper	Avoirdupois Pounds Nickel
63,000	1/2 Balboas	900 Silver	22,786.52		
46,000	1/4 Balboas	900 Silver	8,318.82.		
100,000	1/10 Balboas	900 Silver	7,233.75		
92,800	5 Centesimos	75% copper, 25% nickel			
				767.1908	255.7303
			38,338.89	767.1908	255.7303

Below is a statement of the silver and minor coinage metal content recovered from old Panamanian coin sent here for re-coinage, together with the amounts used, and balances on hand to be used for the additional coins requested. In this statement only the metal actually recovered from the coins melted and assayed is included. It does not include the contents of eleven boxes, which, pending authority, are being held at the Philadelphia Mint unopened, said to contain the following: silver coins (old designs) valued at $5,578, and nickel coins (old designs) valued at $939.

Silver:

	Fine Ounces
Silver content of old coins	31,577.92
Silver used in coinage authorized 9/1/32	18,084.38
Excess	13,493.54
Silver required for additional coinage requested	38,338.89
Additional silver required	24,845.35*

Minor Coinage Metal:

	Troy Ounces
Minor coinage metal content of old coins	46,285.00
Minor coinage metal used in coinage authorized 9/1/32	38,580.00
Excess	7,705.00
Minor coinage metal required for additional coinage requested	14,917.60
Additional minor coinage metal required	7,212.60*

* As stated above, these amounts will be less the silver and minor coinage metal contents of the coins contained in the eleven boxes held in the Philadelphia Mint unopened.

The coinage costs will be as follows:

Denomination	Coinage Cost per M pieces
1/2 Balboa	$6.50
1/4 Balboa	4.50
1/10 Balboa	3.00
5 Centesimos	3.50

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The above prices include copper for alloy in the silver coins, and cost of working dies. They do not include cost of boxes required for shipping, or cost of melting the old coins, which will be $1.00 for the first 1,000 ounces, and $0.10 for each additional 100 ounces or fraction thereof in excess of 1,000 ounces.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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October 15, 1932.

MEMORANDUM

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 7th, the following information is submitted covering departmental activities, during the fiscal year 1932, similar to those found in private industries:

COST			VALUE OF PRODUCT	NO. OF UNITS MFD.	AUTHORITY	DISPOSITION OF PRODUCT
LABOR	MATERIAL	OVERHEAD				
Medals:						
$9,413.70	$9,427.72	$11,141.88	$29,988.30	26,350	Revised Statutes Sec.3551	(Treas. Dept. (Navy Dept. (War Dept. (Commerce "
Coin Bags:						
$3,176.58	$3,085.59	$ 891.35	$7,153.52	102,233	Director of the Mint	(Mint and (Assay Service; (Treas. Dept.
Foreign Coinage: **						
$35,871.05	$16,379.00	$34,341.74	$86,591.79	9,535,316	Act of Jan. 29, 1874	(Cuba (Panama (Honduras
Post Office Dies:						
$2,767.27	$ 268.66	$2,727.90	$5,763.83	276	Revised Statutes Sec.3551	(Third (Assistant (Postmaster
Medals struck from dies and material furnished:						
$1,019.72	$ - - -	$2,169.97	$ - - - -	944	Revised Statutes Sec.3551	(Schools, (Colleges, (etc.
Dies of national character:						
$2,357.44	$ 200.49	$2,723.62	$5,281.55	162	Revised Statutes Sec.3551	(Treas. Dept. (War Dept. (Navy Dept. (etc.

** It is believed by this Bureau that there is no competition for foreign coinage.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1932.

Memorandum for Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

I am returning the correspondence forwarded by you covering the case of Helena A. Smith, former employee of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Under the provisions of the Economy Act, Miss Smith was automatically retired on August 31, 1932. She has been requested several times to make application for retirement but to this date has withheld her application.

While Miss Smith's services were satisfactory and she is still able to do her work in an efficient manner, this Bureau would not feel justified in stating that she was indispensable and should be excepted from the operations of the Economy Act.

Miss Smith is one of many employees of the Mint Service whom we were obliged to retire and who, but for the Economy Act, might have been recommended for extension of employment.

Miss Smith was a sewing-woman and her work is such that no special skill was required and no technical knowledge was necessary and we were therefore without argument to urge her retention.

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1932.

Memorandum for Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments:

I am inclosing correspondence received today from the District Manager, Civil Service District of New Orleans, in which he states that Mr. Alfred Lippman, now serving temporarily as Assistant Assayer at the Mint in New Orleans, does not meet the prerequisites of the examination (Form 375) and that an effort should be made to replace him.

As the Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for November, it is suggested that Mr. Lippman be permitted to remain at his present post until the result of that examination is known.

It would appear to be entirely unnecessary to drop Mr. Lippman at this time, after he has been broken in to the work and is pronounced by his superior officer, who is responsible for his work, as performing his duties very satisfactorily.

A new man could hardly be found and broken in before the register is established from which to make a permanent appointment.

The work at the New Orleans Mint is very heavy at this time and the withdrawal of Mr. Lippman from a temporary appointment for a period not more than a few weeks, would cause inconvenience and unnecessary delay in the handling of deposits for the public.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

In reply to your letter of September 1, 1932, relative to the disposal of dies of certain coins for the French Colony of Indo-China, held at the United States Mint at San Francisco and the United States Mint at Philadelphia, I have the honor to state that in accordance with the request of the Ambassador of France, the dies have been destroyed in the presence of the Consul General of France at San Francisco, and the Consul General of France at Philadelphia.

I am inclosing copies of the certificates covering these cancellations, with the request that they be transmitted to the Ambassador of France at this Capital.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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The Comptroller General of the United States,
General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your communication A-44539 of September 19, 1932, relative to a letter from the New York Lubricating Oil Company pertaining to a sale of oil to the New York Assay Office, and to the question of excise tax thereon, I have to advise that the purchase is evidenced by public voucher No. 169 in the August accounts of Wiles R. Becker, Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, which voucher will be forwarded to your office with the remainder of the papers pertaining to the account, in due course of business.

The order was placed August 19, 1932, on bid opened July 18, 1932, with no mention being made of tax, as an open market purchase with award to the lowest bidder; it consisted of 53½ gallons of oil quoted at 40¢ per gallon, $21.40, and was billed plus the amount of the excise tax at 4¢ per gallon, $2.14. The vendor was not reimbursed for the tax for the reasons quoted in the letter of September 7, 1932, from the New York Lubricating Oil Company to your office.

It is now understood that rulings of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the Comptroller General, recently come to the attention of the Mint Bureau, provide that sales to the Federal Government are subject to the manufacturers' taxes imposed by the Revenue Act of 1932, and are payable by the Government to the vendor, with certain exceptions, of which this case is one. The purchase was an open market one with an award to the lowest bidder, no mention being made of tax, and, therefore, the vendor has no authority to add to the price quoted to the Federal Government the amount of the excise tax imposed upon him by the Revenue Act of 1932.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

October 18, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of September 30, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,824,423,721
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,911
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	306,532,730
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,513,326
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,797,477,688

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am inclosing the Oath of Office executed by Mr. Hugh T. Rippeto, covering the change in designation of his position from Assistant Assayer to Chief Clerk and Assistant Assayer, which was approved July 12, 1932.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to the Circular Letter dated October 17, relative to the Fifth Annual Community Chest Campaign, the information requested in paragraph six of the Campaign Plan is submitted.

(a). There are thirteen employees who will be solicited.

(b). The total amount of salary actually paid to these employees is $34,741.

(c). The name of Mr. James R. Offutt, Private Secretary to the Director of the Mint, is submitted as vice chairman to represent this Bureau for the Community Chest.

Respectfully,

M. A. Shell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 26, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

On August 12th, the Secretary of the Treasury approved the change in designation of Mrs. Florence E. Leonard from Clerk to Chief Clerk. This change in designation was made necessary by the decision of the Solicitor of the Treasury requiring that the title "Chief Clerk" must be held by one authorized to sign checks in the temporary absence of the Superintendent or Assayer in Charge of a Mint or Assay Office.

In order to retain the title of Chief Clerk it is now necessary that Mrs. Leonard take a non-competitive examination and it is requested that the necessary steps be taken to give her the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Superintendent of the Denver Mint, dated October 7th, and transmitted by this Bureau to your office under date of October 10th.

In view of your verbal report that 38-caliber revolvers were not being used by the War Department and that they would not be able to supply the ammunition requested by the Superintendent of the Denver Mint, this Bureau in accordance with your suggestion communicated with the Denver Mint and requested to be advised as to the number of 45-caliber revolvers required to supplant the stock of 38-caliber revolvers held at the Mint.

The Superintendent of the Denver Mint now advises that they have on hand at his institution 62 38-caliber revolvers. He further advises that 25 45-caliber revolvers will be required.

Upon receipt from the War Department of the 25 45-caliber revolvers, together with 200 rounds of ammunition as requested in the Superintendent's letter of October 7th, the Superintendent will forward his supply of 38-caliber revolvers to the War Department.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the Month ended October 31, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

W. M. McKeever

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1932.

Chief, Division of Appointments,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Pursuant to the request contained in your circular letter of September 13th, with regard to information required by Sections 202 and 203 of the Economy Act of June 30, 1932, the following is submitted:

1. The total number of vacancies subdivided to show:

(a) Existing on July 1, 1932 19
(b) Occurring between July 1, 1932 and October 31, 1932, inclusive 16
(c) New positions established between July 1, and October 31, 1932 ..... none

2. The total number of vacancies filled between July 1, 1932, and October 31, 1932, inclusive; subdivided to show:

(a) Number filled pursuant to Presidential approval:
(1) Promotion from lower grade 2
(2) Transfer without salary increase 1
(3) By appointment of persons not in government service 3

(b) The number filled without Presidential approval under provisions of Section 203 relating to emergency, temporary, etc., positions 1

3. Amount unexpended for period between July 1, 1932, and October 31, 1932, on account of such vacancies:- $50,941.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of November 1st, the following is a brief description of the exhibit planned by this Bureau in connection with the Government participation in the exposition to be held in Chicago, beginning June 1, next:

One modern coining press to be kept in operation; bronze disks to be used to illustrate the process of coining.

Old wooden press, first used in coinage in 1793; this press to be a still exhibit and in contrast with the electrically driven modern press which will be in operation.

One case showing a metal bar, ingots, strips, disks and finished coin.

One case containing bronze medals.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint, transmitting a letter addressed to Mr. Jules J. Gaignard by the District Manager of the Tenth Civil Service District, a copy of which is attached.

It appears that at the time Mr. Gaignard was given employment in the Mint at New Orleans his status was that of an employee involuntary separated from the Government Service. He was therefore eligible for retirement on that account. He accepted temporary employment in the New Orleans Mint and in so doing invalidated his status as an employee separated from the service on accountof lack of work. It is now proposed to treat Mr. Gaignard's employment in the Mint at New Orleans as a reinstatement in the service and to treat his separation from the Mint as due to reduction in force because of lack of work. In that way his claim for annuity on account of involuntary separation would be restored.

The Civil Service Commission in Washington has advised that should the Treasury Department request the Commission to authorize such employment as having been effected under a reinstatement, that the Commission will consider the possibility of validating the claim for annuity by issuance of a reinstatement certificate, or by affirmative action.

In view of the above circumstances, it is recommended by this Bureau that such necessary action be taken looking towards the validation of Mr. Gaignard's claim for involuntary retirement annuity.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

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November 4, 1932

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,832,756,089
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,911
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - -	306,528,630
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,538,867
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,805,831,497

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Roy Algate of this Bureau be granted an extension of leave of absence for a period of six days. Mr. Algate is a faithful employee of this office, he is a veteran, and his absence for the period mentioned was unavoidable. He has no accrued sick leave.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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NOV 8 1932

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 3, 1932, your file "FA 102.7/1943", inclosing a translation of a note received from the Minister of Panama requesting that samples of stones, contained in three small packages accompanying the note, be referred to appropriate authority of this Government for analysis.

There is no laboratory connected with this Department which is equipped to handle the material forwarded for analysis.

It is suggested that the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, has the proper laboratory equipment to test this material.

Should the Minister of Panama express a desire to have this material forwarded to the Geological Survey, this Department will take pleasure in transmitting the samples by special messenger to the Interior Department.

The samples accompanying your letter will be held in this Department awaiting your instructions.

Very truly yours,

Jno. Dickinson

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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NOV 8 1932

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of October 27, 1932, inclosing a request from the Minister of Panama that he be advised when the eleven boxes containing Panama silver and nickel coins of old design, forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia, were opened.

The eleven boxes containing the silver and nickel coins have been opened and the silver and nickel content was found to be as follows:

Silver content	7,981.31 fine oz.
Cupro-nickel content	6,465.50 troy oz.

In my letter of October 12th, it was stated that the additional silver required to complete the coinage ordered was	24,845.35 fine oz.
Credit silver content of the coins melted..	7,981.31 fine oz.
Additional silver required.....	16,864.04 fine oz.

It was also stated in my letter that the additional minor coinage metal required for the nickel coins ordered was	7,212.60 troy oz.
Credit cupro-nickel content	6,465.50 troy oz.
Additional minor coinage metal required to complete the coinage	747.10 troy oz.

560.33 troy ounces of copper and 186.77 troy ounces of nickel are the equivalent of 747.10 troy ounces of cupro-nickel.

Because of the extremely small quantity of nickel and copper required in addition to that already furnished, it is suggested that it can be furnished by the Philadelphia Mint. While the Mint's average price is considerably higher than the market price, it would probably cost little, if any, more than if purchased in the open market and shipped to the Mint.

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The Minister of Panama, in his letter of September 10, 1932, stated that the new coins are to be sent to the Banco Nacional de Panama, through the Chase National Bank of New York. In a letter dated September 20, 1932, The Chase National Bank stated they had had no advice regarding the Panama coin, but had cabled their Panama Branch, and that immediately upon receipt of their reply they would communicate with this Department, through the Mint at Philadelphia, but to date nothing further has been reported by that bank.

This Department would like to be advised whether we are correct in assuming that the Chase National Bank will act as agent for the Government of Panama and furnish the metal required in this coinage, and also pay the costs incident to said coinage.

Very truly yours,

James W. Pauley

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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November 11, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, advising that he has been informed by the New York Civil Service Commission that Mr. Joshua Littler Gatchel, Weigher in the New York Assay Office, was never appointed through their office.

Mr. Gatchel was appointed to the position of Weigher on May 11, 1920, and the files in the Department indicate that such appointment was temporary, and was approved May 5th, 1920, by Mr. G. P. Parkes, Assistant District Secretary, pending the establishment of a register.

Mr. Gatchel states that in connection with this appointment he went to the Civil Service Commission in Washington and showed them some papers and was asked a few questions, and that they then told him he was qualified. He said he filed an application with the Civil Service Commission in this City.

It is therefore requested that this Bureau be advised whether or not Mr. Gatchel has a civil service rating on file in the Civil Service Commission.

In the event that he has no rating, it is requested that permission be granted to enable Mr. Gatchel to take a non-competitive examination for the position of Weigher, as Mr. Gatchel has established an excellent record in the performance of his duties during the twelve years he has been in the Mint Service, and is regarded at the New York Assay Office as a very valuable employee.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 11, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of November 8th, there is submitted, on the form provided by you, a report of the sapce used by the Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

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November 15, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,832,786,073
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - -	540,007,911
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	306,618,352
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,538,849
Total - - - - - - - - -	$2,805,951,185

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the necessary steps be taken looking towards the reinstatement into the Mint Service of Mr. Arthur R. Hodgson, former assayer in the Denver Mint. Mr. Hodgson is desirous of obtaining the position of Assistant Assayer at the New Orleans Mint, the position now being temporarily filled pending establishment of a register.

Mr. Hodgson was employed in the Denver Mint as First Assistant Assayer, at $6.00 per diem, during the period July 1, 1899 to October 15, 1904, at which time he was made Assayer at a salary of $3,000 per annum. Mr. Hodgson resigned from the Mint Service on August 23, 1913.

Mr. Hodgson is an excellent assayer and is well acquainted with the assaying processes peculiar to the Mint Service. His reinstatement into the Mint Service, and his appointment as Assistant Assayer at the New Orleans Mint, would be to the Government's interest.

The filling of the position of Assistant Assayer in the United States Mint at New Orleans, at $2,000 per annum, was approved by the President under date of August 18, 1932, position number 665.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 18, 1932.

Memorandum to the Secretary of the Treasury.

This Bureau is today in receipt of a letter addressed by Mr. A. D. Burrow, of Gibbonsville, Idaho, requesting that he be granted permission to obtain information from the Assayer in Charge of the Boise Assay Office, pertaining to deposits made by Charles Mathias. The letter of the Assayer in Charge addressed to Mr. Burrow, and Mr. Burrow's letter to this Bureau are transmitted.

It appears from Mr. Burrow's letter that he is the owner of a hydraulic placer mine and that his mine was robbed in the month of September. Mr. Burrow alleges that because of certain peculiarities in the foot prints around his mine, he believes that the robbery was committed by one Charles Mathias, and in order that he may obtain evidence sufficient to present to the prosecuting attorney he desires to obtain a transcript of the deposits made by Mr. Mathias. He further alleges that Mr. Mathias does not own a placer mine.

The majority of requests received by this Bureau for transcripts of certain deposits, are made by persons having an interest in the mine from which the deposits were obtained, such parties being either lessors or stockholders. In such instances the Bureau advises that before consideration may be given their request, it is necessary that an affidavit be executed, showing therein the right, title and interest of the applicant in such deposits.

However, this request is not similar to those described above, for the reason that the applicant does not affirm, but merely believes, that the deposits made by Mr. Mathias contain bullion stolen from his mine.

Because of the peculiar circumstances in this case, it is requested that permission be granted this Bureau to instruct the Assayer in Charge of the Boise Assay Office, to give to Mr. Burrow such information as he may possess relative to deposits made by Charles Mathias.

D. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 22, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of United States Civil Service Commission Form 2280, advising that Mrs. Florence E. Leonard had failed in the examination given her for the title of Chief Clerk, United States Mint, New Orleans, La.

It is recommended that the Civil Service Commission be asked to allow Mrs. Leonard another trial. This request is made for the reason that it is believed Mrs. Leonard was unduly anxious and did not do herself justice in this examination.

Mrs. Leonard is a competent employee and very useful in the position she holds, and it would be in the interest of the Government to permit her another opportunity to show her fitness for the change in status which has been recommended.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 25, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The Request for Reinstatement of Mr. Arthur R. Hodgson, is being transmitted, the necessary indorsement having been executed.

This request for reinstatment, under the first indorsement, does not indicate very plainly that Mr. Hodgson was employed in the Denver Mint under a Civil Service Status. Mr. Hodgson did, however, enter the Denver Mint under Civil Service Status, having passed the necessary examination required for the position of First Assistant Assayer. Mr. Hodgson was carried on the Civil Service Rolls for the period July 1, 1899 to October 15, 1904, at which time he accepted a Presidential appointment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment copy of a letter from the Civil Service Commission, dated October 1st, forwarded by you to this Bureau.

The field institutions are now required to send originals and duplicates of their payrolls to this Bureau and to retain a copy in the files of the institutions. The original must be sent to the General Accounting Office and the duplicate is retained in this Office for auditing purposes.

All temporary appointments are made subject to the approval of the District Secretary and reports are made at the close of each month covering changes in the personnel. These reports would appear to manifest to the Civil Service Commission the status of the few cases of temporary employees required by the Mint Service.

At the present time there is but one temporary employee in the Mint Service and the place he is now occupying is about to be filled by permanent appointment. It is not anticipated that occasion will arise during the balance of this fiscal year for the appointment of temporary employees.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 28, inclosing an inquiry of the Cleveland Automobile Manufacturers and Dealers Association.

This Bureau would not be interested in sending an exhibit to this exposition.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended September 30, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1932.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau have been tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Neal

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1932.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your circular letter of November 25, 1932, the following is submitted; the amounts shown being authorized for payment by this Bureau during the fiscal year 1932.

(1) Amounts paid to common carriers in the United States for passenger transportation service:

Steam railroad companies ...$668.74
Pullman company 377.59

(2) All of the above travel was made individually.

(3) There was no travel by bus, air, electric lines or steamship.

(4) Amount expended for transportation via personally-owned automobiles: $99.11

(5) Treasury Department Form 1296, "Schedule of Transportation Requests", is the method effected in reporting transportation requests used.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the claim of the widow, and administratrix, of the estate of William Ward Gordon, deceased, late clerk in the New York Assay Office, together with documents in support of such claim.

Your attention is called to the attached letter of the attorney of the claimant, who requests that this claim be expedited.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Civil Service Forms covering fingerprints and medical examination, together with Form 1769 "Affidavit of Person Having Two or More Members of Family in the Service", have been executed by Mr. Arthur R. Hodgson, and are being forwarded with this letter. Mr. Hodgson has requested for reinstatement into the Mint Service as Assistant Assayer, and the above mentioned forms are being forwarded in that connection.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inclosures.

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December 5, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secreaty of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,853,000,768
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,911
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - -	306,614,190
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,572,987
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,826,195,856

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being transmitted the "Personal History of Presidential Officer", executed by Mr. Newton A. Dunyon, Assayer in Charge of the Salt Lake City Assay Office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1932.

Memorandum to Chief, Division of Appointments.

Please be advised that a survey of the Bureau's records indicate that there are 109 employees in the Mint Service who are World War Veterans. Of this number, 107 veterans are employed in the Field Service and 2 are employed in the Departmental Service.

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter received from the Secretary, United States Civil Service Commission, dated December 2, 1932, and which was referred to this Bureau under date of December 5th.

In compliance therewith, there are being forwarded in quadruplicate, the positions excepted from examination by law, or under Schedule A or Schedule B of the Civil Service Rules, or under Section 10 of Civil Service Rule II, as set forth in Table II.

There are no positions in the Mint Service coming within the positions covered by Tables III and IV.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inclosures.

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December 7, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The following named officers of the Mint Service have been designated to act as Acting Chief Clerk in the absence of the Superintendent and Chief Clerk of the respective institutions, for the purpose of permitting them to sign checks as a disbursing officer.

In accordance with the opinion of the Solicitor of the Treasury, rendered January 20, 1931, I have to request that a new bond be prepared for execution by the officers named covering the duties of Acting Chief Clerk in addition to their present designation.

Hubert D. Coleman, Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department and Acting Chief Clerk of the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Penalty of bond $20,000.

B. G. Shields, Assayer and Acting Chief Clerk of the United States Assay Office at New York City. Penalty of bond $10,000.

J. C. Wells, Superintendent Coining Department and Acting Chief Clerk of the United States Mint at Denver. Penalty of bond $25,000.

Geo. H. Seaver, Bookkeeper and Acting Chief Clerk of the United States Mint at San Francisco. Penalty of bond $5,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1932.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The coinage now being executed at the Mint in Philadelphia for the Government of Panama will be ready for delivery on Monday morning, December 12th.

This shipment will consist of seventy-four boxes having a gross weight of 8686 pounds and a net weight of 8020 pounds.

The Chase National Bank of New York is to make payment for the cost of this coinage. It is understood that a trucking company, designated by the Minister of Panama, will receive this coin at the Mint and receipt to the Superintendent for it.

This Department will appreciate your courtesy in obtaining from the Panamanian Minister formal authority for the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to deliver the coins to the trucking company designated by the Minister.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

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December 10, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being forwarded Application for Annuity executed by Mr. Bartley Joseph Collins, former employee of the San Francisco Mint.

Civil Service Form 2806, covering the service history of Mr. Collins is also being forwarded.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Inclosures.

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December 12, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Reference is made to a copy of a letter addressed to you by the United States Civil Service Commission, under date of November 30th, relative to the case of Joshua L. Gatchel, who has been serving as temporary weigher in the Assay Office at New York City, since May 11, 1920.

The medical certificate, fingerprint chart, Form 1769, and marital status affidavit have been executed by Mr. Gatchel and are being forwarded with this letter.

Mr. Gatchel has advised that it would be agreeable to him to refund the sum of $106.80, in ten monthly installments.

It is requested that this Bureau be advised as to the procedure to be followed in covering this sum into the Treasury.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.
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December 13, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Reference is made to a copy of a letter addressed to you by the United States Civil Service Commission, under date of November 30th, relative to the case of Joshua L. Gatchel, who has been serving as temporary weigher in the Assay Office at New York City, since May 11, 1920.

The medical certificate, fingerprint chart, form 1769, and marital status affidavit have been executed by Mr. Gatchel and are being forwarded with this letter.

Mr. Gatchel has advised that it would be preferable to him to refund the sum of $106.80, in ten monthly installments.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1932.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Under date of August 11th, the Bureau requested the title of Mrs. Florence E. Leonard be changed to that of Chief Clerk, without change of duties or compensation. This change in title was approved under date of August 12th.

In view of the fact that the Civil Service Commission has advised it would be necessary for Mrs. Leonard to pass a non-competitive examination in order to retain this title, and inasmuch as Mrs. Leonard has been unsuccessful in two attempts to pass such an examination, it is requested that the title of "Chief Clerk" be withdrawn and that the title of "Clerk" be restored to Mrs. Leonard.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to inclose a receipt form with the request that it be forwarded to the Minister of Panama for his signature and return to this Department.

The receipt covers the shipment of Panama silver and nickel coins which left the Mint at Philadelphia on the 12th of December by Railway Express Agency, Inc.

A copy of the express receipt is inclosed for the files of the Minister of Panama.

Very truly yours,

G. W. Ballantine

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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December 19, 1932.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Please issue annual passes to the following named employees of this Bureau:-

Unlimited Passes.

Mary M. O'Reilly
Samuel B. Frantz.
T. J. Quirk.

Limited Passes.

Eugene L. Russell
William T. Reeder.

Respectfully

Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1932.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,853,001,025
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,911
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	306,671,409
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,572,987
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,826,253,332

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 28, 1932.

Honorable George P. Darrow,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have your letter of December 23rd and have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to place the name of Doctor Walter T. Taggart on the list to be submitted to the President when the Annual Assay Commission is selected.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 30, 1932.

The Honorable
The Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 23, 1932, enclosing a letter received by the Finance and Investment Division of your Department from the Assistant Commercial Attache at Shanghai relative to the weight of the Haikwan tael.

I have noted your suggestion that representatives of the Commerce, State and Treasury Departments be designated to confer with the object of coming to an agreement concerning the weight of the tael to be used in United States publications, and particularly in estimating the average value of the silver in the Haikwan tael.

The Director of the Mint or a representative of his office will be instructed to attend the meeting you propose at any time you designate.

Very truly yours,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 5, 1933.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended December 31, 1932, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1933.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau were tardy ten times during the past year.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 6, 1953.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1952, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,843,940,808
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,911
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - -	306,645,403
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,606,853
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,817,200,975

Respectfully,

Nathan O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 6th, 1933, inclosing a receipt form covering the shipment of Panamanian silver and nickel coins on December 12, 1932, which has been signed by the Panamanian Minister.

The receipt has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for his files.

Your courtesy in adjusting this service for us is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A. A. B. Oldham

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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January 12, 1933.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments).

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Roy Algate of this Bureau be granted an extension of leave of absence for a period of twelve days. Mr. Algate is a faithful employee of this office, he is a veteran, and his absence, on account of sickness, for the period mentioned was unavoidable. He has no accrued sick leave.

Respectfully,

F. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted the Application for Annuity executed by Mr. Martin F. Dermody, formerly employed as Roller in the Philadelphia Mint.

Mr. Dermody's personnel card is also being transmitted.

Respectfully,

N. M. Oshell

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted the Application for Annuity executed by Mr. William J. Conboy, who was employed as Skilled Workman in the Philadelphia Mint.

Mr. Conboy's personnel card is also being transmitted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is inclosed the application for annuity executed by Mr. John C. Beatty, who was employed as Foreman of Die Room at the Philadelphia Mint, until December 31, 1932.

Mr. Beatty's personnel card is also being transmitted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In pursuance with the letter of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, dated December 27th, 1932, there are inclosed statements received from the various Mint Service institutions having employees who are beneficiaries of the Veterans' Administration.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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My dear Senator Oddie:

I have your letter of January 12th, recommending the appointment of Mr. Henry C. Morris, Shoreham Hotel, of this City, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets in Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February.

I have taken pleasure in placing Mr. Morris' name on the list for consideration when the Commission is appointed.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Tasker L. Oddie,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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January 24, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being transmitted Standard Form 38, "Certificate for Continuance in the Service", for Mr. Ernest F. Moessner, Scale Repairer at the Denver Mint. Civil Service Form 2324, covering his Record of Efficiency and Medical Certificate, is also being forwarded.

It is recommended that the services of Mr. Moessner be retained for the reason that he is the most skillful scale repairer in our Service and his qualifications at this time are particularly valuable due to heavy deposits of gold bullion now being received at the coinage mints and the assay offices. The necessity for keeping the scales and balances in perfect condition is obvious.

Mr. Moessner's duties are not limited to the repairing of scales and balances in the Denver Mint. He also repairs scales and balances of the other mints and assay offices. There is no employee in the Mint Service at the present time sufficiently trained to his high degree of efficiency, and to lose his services would be detrimental to the interests of the Government.

Mr. Moessner has been employed in the Denver Mint as a scale repairer for over twenty seven years and the skill acquired by him over that period in adjusting and repairing the delicate scales and balances is the result of his long experience.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 25, 1933.

Chief, Division of Appointments,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter addressed to you under date of January 23rd, by the Director of Insurance, Veterans Administration, and referred to this Bureau for report and return.

In regard to the separation at the expiration of a three year furlough of Miss Helena A. Smith, the following is quoted for your information:

Department Circular No. 18.
"The involuntary separation of any classified employee whose conduct and work have been satisfactory will be treated as a furlough. * * * The period of eligibility for reemployment shall be three years, * * *".

Miss Smith's services were satisfactory and she was eligible for reemployment within three years. She therefore was carried on the Philadelphia rolls from March 1, 1910 to February 28, 1913, at which time she was automatically separated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

January 25, 1933.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1932, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,844,033,911
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,703
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - -	306,694,050
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,606,852
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,817,342,516

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1933.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of carbon copies of warrants Nos. 85 and 85½ carrying to the surplus fund amounts from certain appropriations on account of impoundings, to cover furlough and compensation deductions under the Economy Act. Each warrant shows amounts charged to the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, Symbol 23508", which appropriation is not subject to furlough deduction. No amounts are shown chargeable to the appropriation "Salaries, Office of Director of the Mint", which appropriation is subject to furlough deduction. The mint service amounts appearing on warrant No. 85½ are so indistinct as to be wholly unreliable for bookkeeping purposes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1933.

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully recommend the appointment of the following as members of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on Wednesday, February eighth, nineteen hundred and thirty-three, in accordance with Section 3547 of the Revised Statutes:

G. E. F. Lundell, Washington, D. C.

Henry C. Morris, Washington, D. C.

H. G. Moulton, New York City, N. Y.

Walter T. Taggart, Philadelphia, Pa.

Scott Turner, Washington, D. C.

John B. White, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Comptroller of the Currency.)
The Judge of the District Court for the) Ex-officio
Eastern District of Pennsylvania.) Members.
The Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, New York.)

The law provides that the Commission shall consist of the Judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Assayer of the United States Assay Office at New York, and such other persons as the President shall designate.

At every delivery of coins made by the coiner to the Superintendent of the Mint, it is the duty of the Superintendent, in the presence of the Assayer, to take indiscriminately a certain number of pieces for the annual trial of coins. The pieces are sealed and held in the pyx box at the Philadelphia Mint for delivery to the Commission at the annual meeting. The duty of the Annual Assay Commission is to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several Mints during the preceding calendar year in order to secure due conformity in the gold and silver coins to their respective standards of weight and fineness.

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No compensation is provided for the members of the Commission, but their actual and necessary expenses to and from Philadelphia by the most direct route, and while in attendance at the sessions of the Commission, are reimbursed.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The President,
The White House.

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January 27, 1933.

Honorable Oliver B. Dickinson,
United States District Judge,
Philadelphia, Pennyslvania.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the Annual Assay Commission, appointed to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several Mints during the calendar year 1932, will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on Wednesday, February 8, 1933, at ten o'clock.

As prescribed by Section 3547, Revised Statutes, you, as Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, are an ex-officio member of the Commission. No compensation is allowed for service on the Commission.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1933.

Mr. Burt G. Shields, Assayer,
United States Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

The Annual Assay Commission, appointed to test the weight and fineness of coins reserved by the several Mints during the calendar year 1932, will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock, Wednesday, February 8, 1933.

As prescribed by Section 3547, Revised Statutes, you, as Assayer, United States Assay Office, New York, N. Y., are an ex-officio member of the Commission.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but your actual and necessary traveling expenses to and from Philadelphia, and $5.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1933, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify the Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1933.

Mr. Henry C. Morris,
Shoreham Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Morris:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 8, 1933.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1933, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1933.

Honorable F. G. Awalt,
Acting Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Annual Assay Commission, appointed to test the weight and fineness of coins reserved by the several Mints during the calendar year 1932, will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock, Wednesday, February 8, 1933.

As prescribed by Section 3547, Revised Statutes, you, as Acting Comptroller of the Currency, are an ex-officio member of the Commission.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but your actual and necessary traveling expenses to and from Philadelphia, and $5.00 per diem in lieu of actual cost of subsistence while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1933, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify the Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1933.

Mr. J. Beaver White,

Villa Nova, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. White:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 8, 1933.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1933, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1933.

Hon. Scott Turner, Director,
United States Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Turner:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 8, 1933.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1933, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1933.

Mr. H. G. Moulton,
24 Pine Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Moulton:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 8, 1933.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1933, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

William H. Woodin

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1933.

Dr. Walter T. Taggart,
Towne Scientific School,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Taggart:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 8, 1933.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1933, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

William H. Woodin

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 27, 1933.

Dr. G. E. F. Lundell,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Lundell:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that the President of the United States has appointed you a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at ten o'clock on Wednesday, February 8, 1933.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses, Mints and Assay Offices, 1933, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

The amount provided by Congress to cover the expenses of the Assay Commission has been very much restricted, and it, therefore, becomes necessary for me to request that in arranging your journey to and from the Mint you will kindly take this into consideration.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not it will be convenient for you to serve?

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 1, 1933.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended January 31, 1933, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1933.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau were tardy ten times during the past year.

Respectfully,

M. M. Morrell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1933.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1933, is given below:

Gold -	$1,844,202,561
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,703
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	306,690,872
Minor -	126,628,130
Total -	2,817,529,266

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Louis T. McFadden,

House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 25, 1933, requesting the opinion of this Department upon bill H. R. 14386 introduced by you to provide for the coinage of a half-cent piece, a one-and-one-quarter-cent piece, a one-and-one-half-cent piece, a two-cent piece, and a three-cent piece.

It is contrary to the policy of the Treasury to express an opinion on proposed legislation prior to the receipt of a call for report from the Committee of Congress to which the bill was referred. In this case no request for a report on bill H.R. 14386 has been received from the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures to which it was referred when introduced by you on January 24, 1933. Consequently the Department, at this time, cannot consistently give you its views on the bill in question.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 9, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There are being transmitted the Application for Annuity executed by Mr. Walter S. Miller and Form 2806 covering his service record.

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Tebruary 9, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There are being transmitted the Application for Annuity executed by Mary Hackett and Form 2806 covering her service record.

Respectfully,

M. O'Keeffe

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1933.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Assay Commission concluded its work at the Mint in Philadelphia, on February 9th.

The coins reserved by the respective mints during the calendar year 1932 were tested as to weight and fineness and found to be within the requirements of the law.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1933.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that the title of Mr. Arthur R. Hodgson, now Assistant Assayer at the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., be changed to that of Chief Clerk and Assistant Assayer.

This request is without change of duties or compensation and is being made for the reason that it is necessary, under a decision of the Solicitor of the Treasury, to have the title of "Chief Clerk" given to persons in the Mint Service institutions who are authorized to sign checks in the temporary absence of the Superintendent or Assayer in Charge.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1933.

Memorandum to Miss Flanagan,
Division of Appointments.

This is to advise that the salaries of Mr. John McCabe, Assayer in the San Francisco Mint, and Mr. Clarence C. Malmstrom, Assayer in the Denver Mint, were increased to $4800, per annum, on July 3, 1930.

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 9, 1933, inclosing a copy of a note dated February 3rd, from the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of China, with regard to the desire of the Chinese Ministry of Finance to have made at the Mint at Philadelphia three hundred sets of silver standard coinage dies for dollars bearing the date of the Twenty-second Year of the Republic of China in Chinese.

The cost of changing the date on the master die and hub for the reverse of the Chinese dollar die will be $50.00, provided the number of characters in inscription remain the same. Working dies can be made for $10.00 per pair, and produced at the rate of 30 pairs a week. Transportation charges to China are not included in the price of the working dies.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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February 17, 1933.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to the attached certificate of deposit No. 28 dated January 31, 1933, in the name of Cecil T. Gray, Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans, La., in the amount of 20¢, I have to advise that the amount should not have been reported on C/D form No. 1; it should be treated as a transfer of funds document for crediting Cecil T. Gray with 20¢ in the Bullion Fund.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There are being transmitted forms requesting Presidential approval to fill the position of Assistant Assayer, United States Mint, New Orleans, La., such position having been made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Alfred Lippman, Jr., a temporary employee, who resigned on January 23, 1933.

Under the belief that previous authority granted by the President on August 18, 1932, carried over to the appointment of Mr. Arthur R. Hodgson, a permanent appointee, this Bureau did not request further approval to fill the position of Assistant Assayer at New Orleans.

This Bureau, having been advised that although the first appointment was temporary that the resignation of the temporary employee created a vacancy, now respectfully requests that permission be granted to fill such vacancy, as of January 24th, the date the permanent employee assumed his duties.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1933.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1933, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,844,106,971
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	540,007,703
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - - - - - -	306,734,061
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	126,628,123
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,817,476,858

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith an Oath of Office executed by Mrs. Florence E. Leonard, a Clerk in the United States Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Keefe

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

It is requested that the position of Assistant Assayer, United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana, be changed to that of Chief Clerk and Assistant Assayer, in order that the incumbent of that position may be permitted to sign checks during the absence of the Assayer in Charge.

This change in designation is without change in duties or compensation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 23, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There are transmitted forms requesting the filling of the vacant position of Guard at the United States Assay Office in New York City.

To adequately protect the movements of bullion into and out of the Assay Office, and within the Assay Office, and in order to have Guards stationed at the various entrances to the Building, it is imperative that the small force of eleven Guards be maintained.

In view of the above, authority is requested to fill the vacancy now existing, without delay.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1933.

Office of the Secretary of the Treasury:

There is transmitted a letter received by this Bureau from Senator Tasker L. Oddie, relative to a payment made by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Carson City, Nev., to Mr. A. Burke, for gold bullion deposited at that institution.

It appears that Mr. Burke when submitting his deposit requested that payment be made in currency. Accordingly, the Assayer deposited at the Carson Valley Bank a check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, in the amount of $81.30, and requested the Cashier of said bank to forward currency direct to Mr. Burke.

However, the Cashier of said bank, instead of forwarding currency, forwarded a Cashier's Check to Mr. Burke, who in turn endorsed the check over to the Lovelock Mercantile Company.

The check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, which was given to the Carson Valley Bank with the request that currency be forwarded to Mr. Burke, was paid by the Treasurer's Office on November 1, 1932.

The Governor of the State of Nevada declared a moratorium on October 31st, and at the end of the moratorium the Carson Valley Bank did not open. It does not definitely appear whether or not Mr. Burke cashed his Cashier's Check prior to the moratorium but it would seem in view of the fact that the Cashier's Check was dated October 26th, and was probably in the hands of Mr. Burke on the following day, that such check was cashed previous to the moratorium.

The question is now presented as to whether the Government's liability, for the bullion deposited, has terminated for the reason that Mr. Burke has received the sum due for the deposit. If the Government is not liable to Mr. Burke for the sum involved, it being your opinion that the Government's liability has ceased, then it would appear that the Lovelock Mercantile Company must look to the insolvent bank issuing the Cashier's Check for relief.

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On the other hand, if the Lovelock Mercantile Company sought to hold Mr. Burke responsible for the amount of the check, would Mr. Burke be in position to look to the Government for relief, even though the Treasurer of the United States has paid the Treasurer's check drawn in payment of the bullion deposit.

If Mr. Burke could not obtain relief from the Government, could he bring action against the Assayer in Charge at Carson City, for the sum involved.

In view of the above stated circumstances, it is respectfully requested that you advise the Bureau as to the rights of the parties involved.

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

On August 1, 1932, Mr. Winthrop H. Wright, Assistant Assayer at the Assay Office in Helena, was appointed by the President to the position of Assayer in Charge of that institution. This was a recess appointment. His nomination was forwarded to the Senate on January 3, 1933, and is now pending before that body.

Should Mr. Wright's nomination not be confirmed before the close of this session of Congress, the position of Assayer in Charge at the Helena Assay Office will become vacant at the close of business on March 4th.

The business of the Assay Office at Helena is such that it is absolutely necessary that the present technical force be maintained. Pending the appointment of an Assayer in Charge by the incoming administration, it is recommended that Mr. Wright be reinstated to the position of Temporary Assistant Assayer, at $2000 per annum, for a period not to exceed ninety days from date of oath.

This recommendation is contingent upon his present nomination not being confirmed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

On August 1, 1932, Mr. Cecil T. Gray, Assistant Assayer at the Mint in New Orleans, was appointed by the President to the position of Assayer in Charge of that institution. This was a recess appointment. His nomination was forwarded to the Senate on January 3, 1933, and is now pending before that body.

Should Mr. Gray's nomination not be confirmed before the close of this session of Congress, the position of Assayer in Charge at the New Orleans Mint will become vacant at the close of business on March 4th.

The business of the Mint at New Orleans is such that it is absolutely necessary that the present technical force be maintained. Pending the appointment of an Assayer in Charge by the incoming administration, it is recommended that Mr. Gray be reinstated to the position of Temporary Assistant Assayer, at $2000 per annum, for a period not to exceed ninety days from date of oath.

This recommendation is contingent upon his present nomination not being confirmed.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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My dear Mr. Chairman:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 23rd, inclosing Joint Resolution, H. J. Res. 607, to convey the thanks of Congress to Mrs. W. F. Cross, for the prompt, heroic, and vigilant services rendered by her in protecting the life of President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, and to award a gold medal of honor therefor.

I would suggest that this Resolution be amended to provide that the medal of honor be made at the United States Mint, of appropriate description and design to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The cost of preparing this medal is estimated to be $1400.

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Woodin

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Andrew L. Somers,
Chairman, Committee on
Coinage, Weights, and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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February 28, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

It is requested that a blank form of bond, in the amount of $5,000, covering the position of Chief Clerk and Assistant Assayer, United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana, be forwarded to Mr. Guy H. Richardson.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 28, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

It is requested that a blank form of bond, in the amount of $5,000, covering the position of Chief Clerk and Assistant Assayer, United States Mint, New Orleans, La., be forwarded to Mr. Arthur R. Hodgson.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

It is requested that your letter of January 26, 1933, granting leave of absence without pay to Gertrude C. McCarthy, Sewing-woman in the Philadelphia Mint, from March 4, to May 3, 1933, inclusive, be amended to read Gertrude C. Mooney, Miss McCarthy having been married on February 25, 1933.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1933.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7, of the Act of March 1, 1898, I have to report that the work of this Bureau for the month ended February 28, 1933, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1933.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employees of this Bureau were tardy ten times during the current year.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being transmitted the Oath of Office executed by Mr. Guy H. Richardson, as Chief Clerk and Assistant Assayer, United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana, dated March 2nd, 1933.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1933.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

There is being transmitted the Oath of Office executed by Mr. Arthur R. Hodgson, as Chief Clerk and Assistant Assayer, United States Mint, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated February 24, 1933.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.